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The truth about Brazil's World Cup by the man who knows

KEIR RADNEDGE talks to CLAUDIO COUTINHO

NO ARGUMENTS WITH RIVELINO . . . OR ZICO!

AT 39 Claudio Coutinho was not only the youngest, but one of the most controversial managers in the World Cup Finals.

He could hardly escape controversy merely by being boss of three-times champions Brazil. But three issues have remained confused.

I caught up with Coutinho recently in La Coruna, during the Teresa Herrera tournament, which he attended as coach of Brazilian club Flamengo.

The prospects for an interview about the World Cup did not look bright. One of the local newspapers, reporting Flamengo's arrival said that Coutinho had "refused to talk about the World Cup, unless it was to do with Coruna's hopes of stages matches in 1982."

But the Coutinho I met was only too ready not only to talk about the World Cup Finals generally, but in detail and at length.

Born in Rio Grande do Sul, Coutinho's critics attack him as a man who never played football as a professional. His sports were volleyball and basketball, but it was as a physical training instructor after he had trained as a paratrooper in the army, that Countinho came to the attention of the Brazilian sports federation, the CBD, in the late 1960s.

In 1970 he took over physical training for the national team, first under Joao Sladanha then under Mario Zagalo, on the way to winning the World Cup in Mexico — and it was only the next year that he moved into club football.

From general manager and PT man with Vasco da Gama (1971) he later took a similar role with Botafogo (1973), leaving them to join Marseille in France (along with players Jairzinho and Paolo Cesar) after the 1974 World Cup.

His stay lasted less than a year, but Coutinho told me: "This was when I became closely involved in European football, and when I became interested to stucy ideas that could benefit Brazil."

Back to Brazil in the summer of 1975 and his rise was rapid. He led Bazil's youngsters to victory in the 1975 Panamerican Games and to a best-ever fourth-place in the 1976 Montreal Olympics.

EXCLUSIVE

"We didn't expect to win, but our young players learned so much," Said Coutinho, who had been appointed only a few days before the departure for Canada. On his return he was snapped up by Flamengo, taking them to the semi-finals of the 1976 national championship and second place in the Rio league.

("That's him," said Coutinho, as one of his players walked through the hotel lounge. "When we lost in the semi-finals it was 5-4 on penalties to Vasco. That's Tita — he's the one who missed!")

So how did you get the Brazil job?

"After our first qualifying match we had only drawn in Colombia 0-0 and Paraguay had won. Brazil faced the real possibility of being eliminated. Oswaldo Brandao asked to quit and the CBD asked me, in an emergency, to get Brazil to the finals.

"There are so many probelms with the job. All the different regions, the clubs, the papers, all think they have the best players. It's so hard to get everyone behind you. But we reached the second series of matches in Cali.

"I offered to stay on for them. I told the CBD they couldn't expect me to leave in the middle of the job or anyone else to pick up halfway. So they asked me to stay and we qualified for Argentina.

"But it was ridiculous. I didn't have enough time. I had less than a year to prepare a team for the finals. You need the full four years to experiment and build team spirit, to go on tours. Then, also, when you leave out one player it doesn't become a big issue, because you have a squad and everyone knows they have to take their turn."

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Coutinho reached the rank of captain in the army and colleagues on the Flamengo staff still occasionally address him as: "Capitao." But the well-panned discipline of his attempt to put a worthy team together for Argentina was interrupted from the outset by injuries.

"For instance, Reinaldo, my centre forward has just had another knee operation in the United States. So that proves he wasn't ready to do himself justice in the finals. Francisco Marinho wasn't fit either. In fact, seeing him here in Coruna, I don't think he is 100 per cent yet."

But what about Rivelino? Was he injured, or were the rumours correct that you and he had a disagreement?

"There were no arguments, no disagreements. That's nonsense, all nonsense. Rivelino is a good friend. We were together in Mexico where he gave me a lot of support.

"If I could I would have picked him for every game. I wanted to win. I am not stupid. People should not insult my intelligence. Rivelino was vital — how could I think of leaving out my best player? This was the biggest job in my life. I wanted to win!

"We lost him in the first game, and the truth is that after that he wasn't fit. Even though he has just been transferred to the Arabs he still hasn't played a full game since the World Cup. Surely that proves the point? You can still see that his right ankle is swollen.

"All those stories were started by the Argentine Press. I denied them, Rivelino denied them, but it made no difference. I suppose it was too good a 'story.' The worst time was when they published a picture in which Rivelino was apparently turning his back on me. But it wasn't the way it appeared.

"Rivelino was upset, yes — but no with me, with his injury. He was angry, upset and was cursing at his ankle. But I suppose from a distance someone watching would see Rivelino waving his arms about at me, shaking his fists, turning away from me. And they no doubt said: 'There's Coutinho and Rivelino arguing again.' But it wasn't true."

There were similar stories about you and Zico . . .

"Not true again. Zico had a lot of problems. You see, he is a player who depends entirely on balance. And on a pitch like the one at Mar del Plata he couldn't keep his own balance, let alone upset anyone else's.

"After two matches I realised that Zico and Reinaldo, my two best goal scorers, couldn't function on that pitch so I would need a different type of player. Later I brought Zico back . . . and then he was injured against Poland. It was a strange injury.

"Because we had Dirceu back in midfield we had no-one on on the left wing. So in team talks I told Zico I wanted him to use that space. In fact, I remember the last thing I said to him as we walked out, was: 'Remember, the left wing!'

"And that's what he was trying to carry out after only about eight minutes. He went in on the left and was blocked, I think by Kasperczak. He twisted his ankle badly as he went down and the strain on his leg ruptured the muscle in his groin. He hasn't played since.

"The rest of the team were shocked. They took Zico into the dressing room and he was in so much pain he was screaming for the doctor. The Poles, I believe, could have killed us then.

"And they equalised just on half-time. But I managed to raise the boys' spirits at half-time and we scored twice more."

You also hit the posts three times . . .

"Yes, I've never seen that in my career. The shots were hards drives too — not touch shots from close range."

Take us through the World Cup Finals.

"After the first game against Sweden we were disappointed. I think we had chances to win. But I didn't know if our problems were with the pitch, the players' lack of experience, or the pressure. After the game against Spain I realised we could not go on playing on that pitch in the way we had planned. We had to change our approach — or we were out."

How did you feel when Cardenosa faced that open goal in the Spain game?

"It was the hardest moment of my life. A miracle that it wasn't a goal! He took so long Amaral had time to get back on the line, make a feint right and come back to stop the ball with his left leg.

"After that game that I complained again about the pitch. I've never seen anything like that. They had trouble with the drainage. I had complained after our first game, but no-one took any notice. They thought I was finding excuses.

"But then Baroti complained, so did Kubala and before our game against Austria they did a lot of work on the pitch and it was much better. We won 1-0 and could have scored more. In fact, maybe I could have played Zico and Reinaldo, but I didn't know.

"That put us into the second round and when I saw Mendoza I *knew* we could win the World Cup because there we could play our real game. We had a better defence than the other teams in our group — including Argentina — though up front we weren't as good as we would like to have been.

"Still, our first game, against Peru, 3-0, was a good result. They had been unbeaten 'til then. Against Argentina we took the initiative. I read afterwards that Menotti said he was very disappointed with his team. I was disappointed too. I thought if that game had been able to go into extra time we would have won.

"I had more injuries now with Rodrigues Neto and I could put only Zico on as substitute when I really wanted to put Rivelino on as well in the second half to step up the attacking pressure.

"It's a long time since Argentina beat Brazil. In fact the last time was 1970. They beat us 2-0 in Porto Alegre. I remember that because it was my first match as a member of the technical committee!"

(At this point our conversation was interrupted by the arrival of Flamengo's centre-back. "He's had to come on a later flight because he had trouble with his passport," said Coutinho. "I've just sent him to have a bath. That's the best way to recover from a flight. Not a shower, but a proper bath. It's been scientifically shown that water drains away the static electricity which builds up in the body, in a plane.").

That odd, but revealing, insight into the man whose approach to soccer is as calculated as it is complete, took me on to the next point that for all the criticism levelled at Coutinho, Brazil still beat Italy 2-1 to finish third.

"That's right, and we were the only team not beaten, so that must mean something. You know, I Was accused of being defensive but it wasn't true. In training — the players will tell you — I always spent much more time with the forwards than with the defence. Some players though didn't provide as much as we hoped. Cerezo, for example. But Dirceu played well. And Batista? You liked Batista? Well, he was in my Olympic team.

"What people didn't understand was that though I wanted us to defend like Europeans, I wanted us to attack like Brazilians. And how can you have more 'Brazilian' attackers than Zico and Reinaldo? I couldn't convert them into a European style if tried for 100 years.

"But in defence our marking had always been too slack. So we stilled marked in zones, but much tighter. But at Wembley, I'm afraid, England were not the dirty ones, we were. I very much regret that. You must understand they were not my orders. Later I showed my players the film of the game over and over and told them: Not like this in the World Cup.

"I think they were nervous, tired at the end of a long tour."

Perhaps they were also keen to show how they were learning their lessons?

"That's very probable. But I always told them to go in hard on the ball — not over the top of it! At the end we were the violent ones — though I could not say so at the time. Also, our early goal contributed because the players became determined to hang on to that lead."

Coutinho's openness made a contrast to Brazilian Press relations during the World Cup, when members of the foreign Press in particular had the greatest difficulty getting in to conferences. Why did the arrangements go so badly?

"We took with a Press adviser to look after all that. It wasn't my job — I just went along with what he said. I had other things to worry about. But the Argentine Press began a campaign against us because of the way we ran the conferences.

"Yet the Argentines themselves opened up their camp only once a week. So we decided, if that's good enough for them, it is good enough for us. The Argentine papers were very bad to us. Even making up stories about players slipping into town at night."

What about the reports that you had been fired midway through the first round?

"That was ridiculous. I'll tell you what really happened. After the game against Spain the president of the CBD, Heleno Nunes, who has always been a good friend, came to say to me: 'Don't worry, we'll qualify, just keep cool.' I told him I wanted to leave out Zico and Reinaldo for the next match but that I wanted to tell the players tomorrow and then the Press.

"But a friend of Nunes, whom I also knew, had come with him and after leaving the camp he told journalists, Just that Nunes had been to see me and that Zico and Reinaldo would be left out.

"So the papers put two and two together . . . and worked out that if the president had been to see me it must have been to order the changes and that I was no longer responsible."

That wasn't the end of the controversies. One of the greatest came the night after Brazil beat Poland 3-1; Argentina thrashed Peru 6-0 to cruise into the final, ahead of Brazil on goal difference.

"Against us, Peru were tough opponents. I had a lot of players injured in that game. Peru had motivation, determination. They had played against the 'Big Four' — Scotland, Holland, Brazil and Poland — and let in three goals at the most. But against Argentina they played without motivation.

"I was said to have made a lot allegations after the Argentina-Peru game, that Peru had been paid. I never said that. What I did say was that Peru played two entirely different games against us and against Argentina.

"When did Argentina last beat Peru by six goals? Not once in the last 10 years I'm sure. Have you records in your *World Soccer* offices of Argentina-Peru games? Check them and see."

EHIND BRAZIL

I did. This was Argentina's only six-goal defeat of Peru in a series of 27 games over the past 51 years.

Coutinho continued: "I worked in Peru for a while. Argentina would always beat us, yes. But only by two or three goals at the most, as in the friendlies before the World Cup. No more. That's why, after we beat Poland I was confident we would be in the final. Because I expected Peru to play against Argentina as they played against us."

So where is the solution to such situations?

"We must have a campaign against goal difference in the World Cup. I believe in this when your club is playing my club in a Cup match, home and away. But not in a competition when a third team is involved. Perhaps it is all right in the first round of the finals, because there is no time for play-offs. But not in the second round."

Do you think FIFA should revert to the old system of a knock-out quarter and semi-final?

"That would be best. Then both teams would go into the game knowing they had to produce a result. We would not have all those draws. Remember West Germany against Italy in 1970, or West Germany against England! That is the drama and excitement the World Cup needs."

So where do you go from here?

"First, I'm happy to be with Flamengo. I would like to stay with them because they were my first club. I supported them as a child and they were my team when I played volleyball.

"I don't know yet about the Brazil job. We don't have a permanent manager. We have a club coach who is called in to get the team ready for the World Cup. At the start of next year we may have a new president. There are elections coming and so our president decided it wasn't right to make any plans about the national team until after the elections.

"But the mistake we make is that the manager should be appointed full-time, as in Europe. We should not have to put a team together in a hurry just before the World Cup. We should have young teams, maybe an under-23 side. We have the under-20s, but that is too young. And so we are not making progress fast enough."

What about the pressures of the job?

"There is a lot of that! For example, in our European tour Zico made a bad miss against France. Yet I was blamed for it! But why me? I try to pick the best players. But I can't be expected to go out and kick the ball for them as well.

"Another example: After Argentina beat Peru Saldanha blamed me because we hadn't scored more goals against Poland. So I put it to him. How many more should we have scored, I asked him — four, five, six — against one of the hardest teams in the world to beat? He said, well, perhaps one more. Yet even that wouldn't have been enough!"

Coutinho's mastery of the English language would put many British managers to shame. So it's no surprise that he has been linked with posts in the United States. But though Coutinho feels he has something to contribute there, he doesn't want to move north yet.

"All I want to do now is to spend some time at home with my family, because I have a girl of 13 and a boy of 10 and I feel I've hardly seen them this year. But you know what it's like . . . you make up your mind you won't go away again, but football is like a drug, you get hooked. You can't say No . . ."

Zico of Brazil

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I HAVE excellent news for those of you who are planning a round-the-world trip single-handed in a dinghy, wish to cross the Atlantic in a balloon, have decided to rely on Post Office deliveries or are compulsive customers of fortune tellers. I have received exclusive communication from a source I am forbidden to divulge, which enables me to reveal the shape of things to come during the current football season — in diary form. (Now that is a novelty — as the ex-chairman of Luton would say!)

September

QPR refuse to grant a transfer to Stan Bowles. "He is too good a player to lumber any other club with," said a spokesman. The 'spokesman' was sacked the next day... Manchester United supporters blow-up a train on their way home from Birmingham. "It was just a childish prank", says United's Secretary, Les Olive. "Most of our supporters are model citizens"... The Nottingham F. v Liverpool European Cup tie provides two hard-fought games, both ending in 0-0 draws. After extra-time, both Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence save twenty-five penalties each.

The Albanian referee calls the game off at two o'clock in the morning, and orders the two managers to decide the issue by playing a game of snooker in the nearby pool-hall. Bob Paisley wins, because every time Brian Clough tries to pot a black, a Liverpool fan puts his fist in front of the pocket... Juventus beat Rangers 6-0 in the same competition in Turin.

Rumanian referee, Andreas Bakshish, sends-off the Scottish goalkeeper for time-wasting in the third minute, and two other Rangers players for not shaking hands after accidently colliding with each other. Bakshish, who now lives in a luxury villa on the Italian Riviera, and left the ground with the help of the lady interpreter, Biga Titta, said: "Scottish players are notoriously ill-disciplined, but when Benetti kicked Johnstone, he obviously played the balls." (Miss Titta's English is not yet perfect!)

October

Stan Bowles hands in his 35th transfer request. He says: "I am ambitious, I want to win something, and this club is going nowhere." (Bowles himself was going to Wembley — to back the No. 5 dog in the 7.45)... Nottingham F. employs Dennis Roche, Johan Cruyff's agent, as a scout... Manchester United fans burn down a smallish church in Bolton. Dave Sexton, manager, says: "These louts are a disgrace to the club. If they do anything like that again, I shall be very annoyed"... George Best plays his last game for the 'Las Vegas Bunnies'.

They win the 'Desert Song' Cup by beating the Pale Ace Pets 3-2. "I am over the moon — now there is nothing left for me to play for!" said George at five o'clock in the morning, clinging to a chandelier at the Rocky Smocky nightclub, which belongs to his pal, ex-Mafia racketeer, Luciano Rosenkranz. George, the ex-player, spent the evening with the three female stars of the TV programme, 'Charlie's Angels'. Best has set his heart on a film career in Hollywood...

November

Referees' supremo, Ken Riddle, demands more uniformity in handling top-class games. The referees agree — in future, all of them will put their yellow cards in their back pockets, and will eat two boiled eggs and toast for breakfast... Alan Hudson's eighty-fifth transfer request is granted for the eighty-fifth time at Arsenal.

The 'Gunners' offer Hudson in part-exchange for two deckchairs, a set of 1956 Fulham home programmes and and a second-hand Subuttleo set. So far, no takers...

Part of the M1 Motorway is temporarily closed because of an accidental collision between an oil-tanker and a coach carrying a group of high-spirited Manchester United fans. No casualties, but the road is a bit slippery, and the driver of the tanker had a nervous breakdown...

December

Hartlepool employ a Nigerian witch-doctor in order to help the players' mental and physical preparations. Alan Hardaker lodges a strong protest with the Department of Unemployment. He argues: "This sort of thing can have harmful consequences. If Hartlepool avoid the necessity of applying for re-election, others might jump on the bandwaggon, and we won't be able to move because of the Nigerians crowding our dressing-rooms. Besides, this move takes away the initiative from the young English witch-doctors who seek employment with football clubs!!"...

The Breitner v Bechenbauer fued continues. Paul Breitner wears a specially designed T-shirt with the slogan: 'I like Mao, I hate Franz.' In retaliation, Beckenbauer doesn't include the Bayern Munich player in his selected World XI., which is to play (perhaps) a team of Japanese computer experts who are visiting the U.S.A.

January

Johan Cruyff signs for Nottingham F. This ageing Dutch ex-international, in semi-retirement, is discovered by club scout, Dennis Roche, playing beach-football in Spain. "During the World Cup, I formed a lasting friendship with Brian Clough," says Cruyff, "when I swapped a sardine sandwich for his ham one when we were both working for London Weekend TV.

Brian has a deep knowledge of sandwiches, fishing, telling Irish jokes, and he is no mean tennis player either. His assistant, Peter Taylor, also impressed me with his fine analysis of Brazilian football. The lure of the game has proved too strong for me, and now, with my nagging back trouble behind me, I have decided to make a comeback in my beloved England under the management of this dynamic duo."

It is reputed that Cruyff was given a blank cheque by Forest — he is still looking for someone to sign it... Chelsea, struggling in the relegation zone, are taken over by Ladbrokes, the bookmakers. Their restaurant under the new stand will be turned into a casino, there will be betting shops adjoining the dressing-rooms, and there will be bingo sessions, before, during, after and instead of home games.

Club chairman, Brian Mears, says: "We had to put the club's interests first, and now that the Bank's interests are paid, we can afford to spend some money on newcomers. The players are, of course, banned from gambling they will be escorted into the dressing-room on match days by specially selected Ladbroke Lasses"...

February

Stan Bowles hands-in his monthly transfer request. His reason. "My wife cannot get used to London, and my girl-friend cannot get used to my wife. It would be best for all of us if I moved to a Northern club." Acranes of Iceland are reported to be interested in signing the brilliant Q.P.R. midfielder...

Spain agree to stage the World Cup '82 with 48 finalists. The competition will last three months, and the matches will be staggered from 8 a.m. until midnight. All games will be televised

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live by both channels in England, but to placate non-enthusiasts, B.B.C-2 are already making plans to provide alternative entertainment. There will be lectures on nuclear physics, special series on rock-climbing, all the drawn chess-games between the great Masters will also be shown unedited.

Other programmes will feature such favourites as Patrick Moore, Magnus Pike and J. P. Taylor.

The format of the World Cup Finals hasn't been decided yet, but it is likely that all the teams will play each other to avoid the unpleasantness which has surrounded previous World Cup draws. Spain are the only exception, as host country, they only have to play the East African and Greenland qualifiers to reach the actual Final...

March

Cruyff gets badly injured in a game against Manchester City. First Dave Watson then Willie Donachie inadvertently kick the Nottingham F. forward. (Watson aimed at his right leg, Donachie at his left, but *accidently* they both missed and got the wrong leg.) The Dutchman will be out of action for the rest of the season, but he bears no grudge against the always scrupulously fair City defenders.

"I enjoyed my five games in English football," he said, bravely smiling as the stratcher was being put on the aeroplane... Rod Greenwood includes Charlie George in his England squad, but the brilliant Derby striker (three goals in 87 games!) refuses to join the party. "I don't like the way the squad names were announced," said Charlie, leaning against an original Rembrandt painting in his council flat.

"Alphabetical is not good enough for me, there are players whose names begin with an 'A' or 'B' who are not fit to wash my car, and they were listed in *The Sun* ahead of me." His manager, Tommy Docherty agrees with the player: "Charlie is a smashing bloke, but he is very sensitive. Greenwood ought to know better than to insult him in this manner..."

April

Manchester United fans destroy Norwich — the City, not the football club! Denis Howell says: "This is a social disease, it has nothing to do with football." Ted Croker says: "This is football's problem, it is time for a positive step." The ex-Member of Parliament for ex-Norwich says: "In my view, a £10 fine is not enough for such an outrage." (He has now been labelled a 'reactionary' for this reckless remark.)

Stan Bowles wants to leave Q.P.R. for a club in the South — but East or West would also do, depending on the money... Ally McLeod is elected 'Manager of the Year' for managing to hold-on to his job despite his blunders.

May

The 44 foreigners playing for First Division clubs form a breakaway Professional Footballers' Association, together with all the Scottish, Welsh and Irish players in the League. They decide that from next season onwards, the clubs will only be allowed to use two Englishmen per match... Do you want to know who won the various trophies? What do you think I am? A prophet?

Scottish soccer manager Ally McLeod

compiled by Eric Batty

Shilton
Notts Forest & England

Krol
Ajax & Holland

Watson
Manchester City & England

Luis Pereira
At. Madrid & Brazil

Tarantini
Argentina

Ardiles
Tottenham & Argentina

Cubillas
Alianza & Peru

Causio
Juventus & Italy

G. Muller
Bayern Munchen

Bettega
Juventus & Italy

Rensenbrink
Anderlecht & Holland

WORLD XI

IN a World Cup year with the competition played in South America, one would have expected that the home players would have shone.

Many people have been misled, for example, by Mario Kempes who took both the top scorers place and the award for best player.

I am a lot more objective (and critical) and don't even give a place in my world team to Kempes. He isn't a centre forward and he isn't the type who plays off a centre forward because he cannot play with others. That is not to say that he isn't a good player — but he is neither fish nor fowl — a highly skilled individual who gets goals. Some might rave about him, just like many people in England like Malcolm Macdonald. These two have a lot in common, and one extra touch: that neither of them is my kind of player.

Before I leave Kempes and Macdonald let me get something off my chest. One of the goals 'claimed' for Kempes was clearly knocked in by a defender, before Kempes could play the ball, even though he was in a scoring position, it was an own goal. It reminded me of the FA Cup semi final when Macdonald whacked a ball that was heading for the far corner flag . . . until it was deflected into goal by an Orient defender.

My choice for the English footballer of the year would have been Archie Gemmill, who, as I suspected, was not even a first choice in Ally McLeod's Scotland team. Strike one against him — and more against those who voted for a defender in a time when the game cries out for gifted forwards.

Goalkeeper Ramon Quiroga looked like a great player in Peru's opening game against Scotland, superb in the air, even against the frightening Jordan, and even saving a penalty, albeit a poorly taken one, but allowing for the tension of the moment, a great showing. Unhappily Qufroga later showed us why the fans in Peru call him 'El Loco' and that brought me back to Peter Shilton.

Top Class

England, despite their ups and downs have never been short of top class goalkeepers, basically because their style means that the ball is in the air so much and an ability to save shots has never been enough.

Strangely enough, Shilton, like Gemmill cannot get a regular England place, but I think he will eventually. Not that I do not rate Ray Clemence; it is just that I think Shilton is a shade more reliable in every respect.

Only three Sud-Americano's get places in my team: left back Tarantini of Argentina who looked an Ajax full back, going forward all the time (and able to play) when Ajax were at their peak; Ardiles, no matter how he might play in England, and that wonderful hero of Peru, Teofilo Cubillas.

Ardiles had a magnificent World Cup, quite the best Argentinian on view and doing what I expected Rainer Bonhof to do for West Germany — run at opponents with the ball, beating men, laying off one two-s and setting up through balls. A superb player and the only truly great one in Argentina's side.

Cubillas, of course, was in my 1970 team, and frankly I was amazed that eight years later he was even better. His general play in midfield was fabulous, beating men going forward, combining with his colleagues (and Cueto deserves a good mention here) allied to his tremendous shooting, made him the outstanding player of the World Cup for me. An inside forward of the old school, fetching and carrying, and able to finish as well. What more could one ask? If only the World game had more like him.

Peter Shilton of England

The only other South American in my side is Luis Pereira of Atletico Madrid who was stupidly overlooked by the terribly biased Brazilians. I think manager Claudio Countinho wanted him, but was over-ruled from on high. In a Brazilian team so short of real talent, he would have been outstanding.

I have nothing but sympathy for Rivilino. He showed against England that he is still a class player, and his only fault in Argentina was that he could not find a Brazilian front player good enough to look for his passes. To drop him because the forwards couldn't play was inexcusable.

The rest of my team, as one might expect are all Europeans.

Franco Causio and Roberto Bettega both recovered their best form for the World Cup, and would have helped Italy do even better if Italy had played to them and young Rossi rather that play their old cautious game. Bettega got into so many scoring positions that he might have had a hatful of goals with a shade more luck — and if his colleagues could have delivered the ball at the right time.

For Causio, it was not his fault that Enzo Bearzot took him off in what was in effect the semi final against Holland. Italy were winning 1-0 when Bearzot pulled off Causio to bring on an extra midfield man and play (Italian-style) for the result.

Gerd Muller retains my vote because I have not seen anywhere, a centre forward who can play so well with his colleagues and still be a perfect individualist when it comes to putting the ball away. On the other hand I have omitted Franz Beckenbauer, not because he is any the less a great player now, but merely because he is playing in third grade football, and that must tell on him.

Robbie Rensenbrink I hesitated about, because I thought I detected in the World Cup: a touch of the Cruyff about him. But if he was not consistently good, there are not too many left wingers to choose from, and he is still quite the best.

Finally, a word about Dave Watson. British centre backs have always been good in the air, but Watson is not merely good, but excels in this department. And on the ground and in his distribution he has improved enormously, probably due to his accumulated experiences playing for England, and for Manchester City against foreign opposition.

Last year I named two centre backs who were both playing the covering game. This I have gone for a marker and a *libero*, and I cannot think there are many centre forwards who would enjoy playing against Dave Watson.

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BENFICA CHANGE IMPORT POLICY

MUCH OF football's appeal is the sense of tradition, particularly where it applies to the great clubs, the Manchester United, Real Madrids, Milans and Benficas of this world.

But it is Benfica who have just decided on a massive break with their 74-year tradition — they have decided, for the first time, that foreign players shall be allowed in.

Cosme Damiao's precepts when he founded the double Champions' Cup winners of the 1960s, was that only Portuguese subjects should appear in the famous red and white shirts with the eagle crest and the 'All for one and one for all' motto.

But we've all appreciated the subtle changes down the years, particularly the post-war realisation that footballers from the African colonies of Angola and Mozambique were also qualified as Portuguese subjects and could indeed play for Portugal.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s they flooded in. Aguas, Coluna, Costa Pereira, Santana, Eusebio of course — who's playing on even now in North America with New Jersey — Yauca, Travassos, Calado, the list is a long one going on to contemporary stars such as Jordao.

It was a cheap market. But then came the political turmoil of the mid-1970s, the African colonies took their independence, and the market closed down. Benfica were badly hit. From being one of Europe's most feared sides, they slipped into mediocrity despite maintaining their grip on domestic soccer.

Other clubs, realising Benfica's handicap, doubled and trebled the asking prices for their best players. Benfica had little option but to pay astronomical fees by their standards. One such purchase was that of Boavista's Celso Ramos a year ago for £50,000. As I write Celso is critically ill after a traffic accident when he was repairing a puncture. Should he recover he's unlikely ever to play again.

For several years there had been a movement within the club to open the doors. Finally a committee was formed to study the pros and cons and on Saturday, July 1, an extraordinary general meeting was called in the conference hall of the Stadium of Light. The progressives won the vote by 5,952 to 3,550.

Not that Benfica have always shunned foreign influences. For more than 20 years they've been utilising foreign coaches — from Brazilian Otto Gloria in the mid-1950s and mid-1960s, to Hungarians Bela Guttmann, Lajos Czeizler and Elek Schwartz, to Englishmen such as Jimmy Hagan and — for the past two years, John Mortimore.

WHILE mentioning Benfica, it's interesting to note that Mario Wilson, one of their former Portuguese managers and father of the present Benfica player of the same name, has just taken over as national team manager.

Not without some controversy.

You may recall that Jose maria Pedroto, who doubled as boss of first Boavsita then Porto, walked out about a year ago after disagreements with senior officials.

Yuca Pereira, from Academico Coimbra, took over as caretaker for last season and then decided he'd had enough. The FA had to look for another new man.

FA president Antonio Marques was pressed by his committee, against his own wishes, to recall Pedroto and make peace. However when it became clear how heated the discussions in the FA committee had been, Pedroto — with the Champions' Cup to think about this year — relinquished the job again.

Wilson is the compromise candidate.

LOOKING around the rest of Europe, there has been some movement among other national team bosses, too.

The Yugoslav FA faced similar difficulties to their Portuguese counterparts before settling on a successor to Marko Valok, another caretaker. Valok, former Partizan Belgrade inside forward of the mid-1950s, had seen Yugoslavia through their last couple of disappointing World Cup games.

The FA pondered hard over a successor. Perhaps Miljan Miljanic? Or Vujadin Boskov? Both had their supporters. But both had made enemies too in the Yugoslav provinces. In the end the choice fell on a comparative unknown who, for the past two years, has been running coaching centres and courses throughout the country.

His name is **Branko Lustica** and before that he coached Olimpia Ljubljana, having been a player once with Hajduk Split.

In the same part of the world Czechoslovakia have promoted **Josef Venglos**, the one time Slovan wing half, to succeed Vaclav Jezek who, after five years in which he turned the Czechoslovaks into European champions, has gone to Feyenoord. Venglos was his assistant for virtually all that time.

Louis Pilot — the obvious candidate — is new manager of Luxembourg. The 39-year-old one-time Standard Liege winger doesn't have a lot of managerial experience, save in the Belgian second division with Racing Jet. But he does have the respect of his players, having led by dogged example in trying to stem the tide in countless defeats over the past 20 years.

Several World Cup Finalists haven't let the grass grow under their feet in naming new men either. Holland's appointment of **Jan Zwartkruis**, for example. The air force captain who was a reluctant caretaker so successfully before the controversial Ernst Happel was swung on board, is now apparently happy to do the job for the next four years.

Meanwhile, after an excellent World Cup job, Helmut Senekowitsch did eventually step down from the Austrian helm, to be followed by **Karl Stotz**.

Stotz, 51, was an outstanding stopper with FK Austria in the late 1950s and early 1960s and played 42 times for his country. Later he coached his old club, but was out of soccer and working for a big Viennese fashion house when OFB president, Karl Sekanina, offered him the job. Stotz had to ask permission of his employer, but that was no problem — football-mad textile millionaire Leopold Bohm was once president of FK Austria.

WHILE we're on the subject of Austrian football, a word of praise for Hans Krankl, the man with the ambition to play for Manchester United who has just signed to the awesome task of succeeding Johan Cruyff as Barcelona's centre forward.

Krankl was this year's winner of the Golden Boot for Europe's top league scorer, hitting 41 goals in 36 games — the last five all coming in one match.

Krankl, 25-year-old for whose departure Rapid Vienna have been recompensed to the tune of £500,000, was runner-up to Hector Yazalde in 1974. His total then was 36 goals. But his 41 this time is some way from challenging the record since the *Soulier d'Or* was first awarded to Eusebio in 1968.

For instance Eusebio in that inaugural year scored 43 goals, Josip Skoblar 44 in 1971, Yazalde 46 in 1974, and Rumania's Dudu Georgescu a best-ever 47 last summer.

Krankl very nearly joined Mario Kempes at Valencia. But Valencia, delighted at their initial agreement with Rapid, released the news before they had spoken to the player himself. Barcelona negotiated both with Rapid *and* the player — something Valencia had been unable to do because of the World Cup — and Krankl naturally took the better offer.

To say Valencia were upset would be an understatement. For some days feeling between Valencia and Barcelona ran high.

The son of a Viennese tram conductor was discovered as a youth player by former international Karl Schlechta and made his debut for Rapid at 17, playing for the first time for Austria at 19 — the same year he was first chosen footballer of the year.

Around him in this past season's Golden Boot list are a host of familiar names. I said last year, in reviewing the history of the contest, that an average goal-per-game figure would be

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Hans Krankl of Austria who has signed for Barcelona.

a fairer way of sorting out the No 1, but for what it's worth here is the current list:

1 Krankl 41 goals in 36-game league. 2 Carlos Bianchi (Paris SG) 37 in 38. 3 Ruud Geels (Ajax, now Anderlecht) 34 in 32. 4 Bob Latchford (Everton) 30 in 42. 5 Nenad Bjekovic (Nice) and Delio Onnis (Monaco) 29 in 38. 7 Mario Kempes (Valencia) 28 in 34. 8 Kees Kist (Alkmaar) 25 in 34. 9 Trevor Francis (Birmingham) 25 in 42. There were eight players on 24, including Dieter and Gerd Muller, Carlos Santillana, Paolo Rossi and last year's winner, Georgescu.

Past winners:- 1968 Eusebio (Benfica) 43, 1969 Peter Jekov (CSKA) 36, 1970 Gerd Muller (Bayern) 38, 1971 Josip Skoblar (Marseille) 44, 1972 G. Muller 40, 1973 Eusebio 40, 1974 Hector Yazalde (Sporting Lisbon) 46, 1975 Georgescu (Dinamo Bucharest) 33, 1976 Sotiris Kaiafas (Omonia Nicosia) 39, 1977 Georgescu 47.

HOW have the mighty fallen, in Brazil. It really is clear-out time there now, it seems.

Roberto Rivelino has singed a £4 million contract to leave Fluminense for Al Ahly in Saudi Arabia, and Flamengo have put Zico on the transfer list rated at £500,000 — a high price considering his poor World Cup.

Centre forward Reinaldo is to have yet another knee operation to try to keep him going a few years more, while Spanish and Mexican clubs are vying for the signature of midfielder Dirceu, one of Brazil's few successes in Argentina.

There's trouble in the corridors of power. Claudio Coutinho decided not to return to Argentina with his Flamengo club on a recent tour for fear of repercussions after his remarks about the Argentina-Peru game, and his boss at the CBD, Heleno Nunes, has quit. On top of all this, (would you believe?) the president of the Palmeiras club has disappeared with a large chunk of the club's money.

Anyone else on the way? Well, yes, there's even talk of Joao Havelange standing down as FIFA president in 1982.

To cap all that, it appears that not even the great Pele's life is not all sweetness and light. The roving life of a football ambassador (albeit highly paid) has put the skids under his marriage.

Trevor Francis.

SERGIO GONELLA, the 45-year-old Lazi Spezia bank manager who had such a poor World Cup Final, has retired from refereeing.

Not only did I not think much of Gonella's display in the final, I was also not as impressed as the FIFA observer who gave him a 9.8 mark — the highest in the tournament — for his handling of the first round Brazil-Spain game.

He was a compromise choice for the Final, having refereed only that one first round game, running the line for Mexico-Tunisia, and appearing as reserve referee in Peru-Iran.

He came in for heavy criticism from the Dutch, and from neutrals, over the backhander from Daniel Passarella which loosened two of Johan Neeskens's teeth.

"But neither I nor my linesman saw the incident," protested Gonella later. "If Rensenbrink had scored at the end of normal time, instead of hitting the post, I'm certain there would have been none of this criticism about my handling of the game."

FINALLY, Uruguay's attempt to force a way back into the world football spotlight has taken the form of an application to stage a tournament in 1980 between all the World Cup-winning nations — themselves, Italy, West Germany, Brazil, England, and Argentina.

The reason, they say, is to celebrate 50 years since the first World Cup, also held in Montevideo. The reason, I would say, has something more to do with money...

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	F	A	P
Eastern Division					
x-New York	22	5	81	32	193
Washington	16	11	54	42	144
Toronto	14	13	53	41	127
Rochester	12	15	43	47	115
Central Division					
Tulsa	16	12	47	42	139
Minnesota	14	13	47	43	130
Dallas	12	15	42	48	113
Colorado	8	19	31	58	78
Western Division					
Vancouver	21	6	54	26	173
Portland	19	9	45	32	156
Seattle	12	15	40	40	112
Los Angeles	8	19	34	59	80
AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
Eastern Division					
New England	17	10	57	35	148
Tampa Bay	16	11	54	43	148
Fort L'erdale	15	13	46	54	133
Philadelphia	10	17	33	52	92
Central Division					
x-Detroit	18	9	61	31	158
Chicago	10	18	52	62	106
Houston	10	17	34	52	93
Memphis	9	18	37	52	89
Western Division					
x-San Diego	16	11	57	50	146
California	12	15	36	41	104
Oakland	12	15	30	49	97
San Jose	7	20	34	69	75

x-clinched division title.

Six points awarded for a victory, one bonus point awarded for each goal scored up to a maximum of three per team per game.

Independiente's Britez gets the ball off River Plate's Luque (on ground) in their Libertadores Cup group one 0-0 draw in which good soccer was made difficult by a very muddy ground.

PENAROL GO OUT

ERIC WEIL reports from South America

FOR the second year running, Penarol — the Uruguayan team which has played in every Libertadores Cup tournament but one and won the trophy three times — failed to reach the semifinal stage. In fact, with Danubio finishing bottom of group 4, Uruguay are again out of it, emphasizing their decline as a soccer power in South America in recent years.

The Colombian teams, Atletico Junior of Baranquilla and Deportivo Cali were on top of their rivals most of the way and the latter, coached by Argentine Carlos Bilardo, won the group to reach the semifinals for the second year running. The key match was their second meeting with Penarol in Montevideo which they deservedly won 2-0 in spite of playing with 10 men for almost the entire second half (Scotta was sent off six minutes after the restart) and finishing with nine men as Castro also received marching orders 10 minutes from the end. In spite of their numerical advantage however, Penarol showed lack of ideas and penetration.

The position was reached with Uruguay's teams already eliminated from the tournament as they played the last games at home against the Colombians. At stake was only which of the Colombian teams would win the group. Not surprisingly less than 5,000 Uruguayan fans turned up to see both their teams gain somewhat unexpected victories — Danubio beat Cali 3-0 in the major upset and Penarol beat Atletico Junior 1-0 — which, however, were useless and Cali, who had come to Montevideo with a two point lead, kept it to win the group.

During the World Cup, the International Football Federation suspended the Ecuador FA because it had been intervened by its government. This meant that its teams could not take part in international tournaments such as the Libertadores Cup. This would have left Argentina's River Plate and six times winners Independiente to decide group 1, but the suspension was lifted and play started two days after the World Cup final. In fact the two Argentine teams had to travel to Ecuador on the eve of the World Cup final without their national team players and after the local championship had been suspended for a month.

The main reason why River Plate's World Cup players Fillol, Passarella, Luque and Ortiz did not travel to Ecuador even for the second game was that they had not come to an agreement with the club over contract terms. Only World Cup half Alonso played.

All this gave Ecuador's teams, Nacional and Liga Deportiva Universitaria, the initial advantage and Liga Deportiva beat Independiente 1-0 and drew 0-0 with River Plate, while Nacional also took a point off the latter. The matches were also played in Quito where the 2,800 metre altitude somewhat hampered the Argentines.

Liga Deportiva's lead was wiped out when they lost 2-0 to Nacional, while the Argentine teams gave indication of the close fight ahead when they drew 0-0 (now with all their World Cup men back) in Buenos Aires on a muddy field which produced no good soccer ... as none of the previous group matches had done.

The first round ended with all four teams level on three points, but it was different when Ecuador's representatives came to Buenos Aires. Neither of them could score a goal in monotnous, one sided games as Independiente and River Plate, now back to full training, made short work of them, although River Plate could not score until the second half in their 4-0 and 2-0 wins over LDU and Nacional respectively. Independiente, meanwhile won both matches 2-0 and at press time the two Argentine teams were due to meet to decide the group winner.

Peru's champions, Alianza Lima, top group 2 after the first round and having beaten both their Bolivian rivals, The Strongest and Oriente Petrolero, in Bolivia, it would be extremely surprising if they slip up at home and fail to reach the semifinals as group winners to join already qualified Atletico Mineiro (Brazil), Cerro Porteno (Paraguay), Deportivo Cali (Colombia), cup holders Boca Juniors (Argentina) who had a bye and either Independiente or River Plate (Argentina).

As usual, the semifinals will be played in two groups of three teams (each meeting the other home and away) with the winners meeting in the two-legged final. Tournament rules will force the two Argentine teams to play in the same group to avoid a one country final.

Colombia's soccer team was expelled from the Central American Games when the organising committee declared 14 of its 22 players professionals as a result of a complaint made by the Dominican Republic. Yugoslav coach Bladoge Vuletic, who had been preparing the young team for the 1986 World Cup to be held in Colombia, was reported to have resigned to return home.

English clubs sign players at bargain fees...

WHETHER midfielders Osvaldo Ardiles, Ricardo Villa and Antonio Sabella the three Argentine players who had been bought by English clubs at the time of writing — will fit into English soccer is one thing, but there is no denying that Tottenham Hotspur and Sheffield United have got bargains, according to the Argentine clubs of the three players.

Tottenham Hotspur got two World Cup players for the price of one (irrespective of what their final price works out at). Ardiles and Villa left for England to sign up for Tottenham on the same plane as World Cup forward Daniel Bertoni. Bertoni was going to Spain's Sevilla for a million dollars of which his club, Independeinte, was getting in the region of 770,000 dollars. Huracan and Racing, on the other hand, were getting 350,000 dollars each for Ardiles and Villa respectively. A few days later River Plate sold sabella to Sheffield United for 150,000 dollars.

Generally scoring forwards are always valued higher on the transfer market and it is often forgotten that they need players like Ardiles and Villa to make the goals for them. Bertoni scored the last goal in the World Cup Argentina's third in their 3-1 final victory over Holland — but he did not do much in the World Cup effort before that. And Mario Kempes — who scored the other two vital ones against Holland and ended up as the World Cup's leading scorer — had already been sold to Spain's Valencia for 600,000 dollars two years earlier when he was already an international of some standing, but not a World Cup winner. So why did Ardiles, Villa and Sabella go so cheap?

Kingpin

Villa (25 years, 17 caps) did not hit the headlines when he made his first division debut with Quilmes at 17. At 22 he was transferred to provincial club San Martin (Tucuman) and had a good season with them in the 1976 national championship. Racing Club bought him at the start of the 1977 season for the then record (internal) transfer fee of 90 million pesos — about £180,000 at the exchange rate prevailing at the time. For a time he was the club's kingpin. The team played as he played but the high price tag, the fact that too much was expected of him and that he was playing in a not very good team all weighed heavily upon him and his performances suffered.

National team coach Luis Menotti had however seen enough to realise that he would do well in a strong team and picked him for the national squad. In last year's international matches Villa slowed down the midfield with slow movement and slow thinking and was dropped in favour of Valencia or Alonso. In a couple couple of World Cup appearances as sustsitute he showed however that under Menotti's coaching he had speeded up considerably.

But Racing Club were in great financial difficulties, so much so that their players threatened not to re-start the first division championship after the World Cup because they had not been paid since February. The club was ready to take the first reasonable offer that came along. Now the team, which had got used to playing without him while he was training with the World Cup squad since the start of the present season, are in fourth place and not doing too badly.

River Plate and World Cup centre forward Leopaldo Luque said he would only leave Argentina to play abroad if they paid him three times as much as he is earning at home — which, at the age of 29, may be a bit difficult.

Hard working Ardiles (26 years 45 caps) has been the backbone of the national team for quite some time. His absence — as against Brazil during the World Cup for example — has always been felt. He, like Villa, wanted to go abroad and Huracan firstly did not want to stand in his way and secondly, also short of cash, wanted to recuperate their recent glory they were First Division champions in 1973 (when Menotti was coach) — by recapturing two of their former stars, Brindisi and Babington — both midfielders who had played for Argentia in the 1974 World Cup.

With the money received for Ardiles, Huracan expected to be able to get these players back from Europe at press time. Ardiles started playing in his native Cordoba for local club Insitituto as a youngster and turned out to be a bargain buy for Huracan in 1975 as a replacement for the above mentioned 1974 World Cup players.

Sabella (age 24) was a member of River Plate's first team pool and although playing in the shadows of the club's excellent halves such as Alonso, J. Lopez and Merlo, he got plenty of first team opportunities in various positions while River Plate had five players in the World Cup squad and also frequently had to rest players du to their congested fixtures. But Sabella, who started in the club's junior teams, made his First Division debut at 19 in 1974 and was picked that same year for Argentina's under 21 selection for a tournament in Chile, could have walked into most first teams with other clubs and was not satisfied with his position at River Plate.

When he heard that Sheffield United were interested in him — although manager Harry Haslam said the player approached him first Sabella pleaded with River Plate to let him go, although the club were reluctant because they were in the process of strengthening their first team pool. Sheffield could not go too high and the result was another bargain. Sabella had been on Menotti's list of players banned from being transferred abroad prior to the World Cup, but he was never called up for the squad.

Why do Argentine players continue to want to emigrate? The obvious answer is because they can earn more money abroad. But why?

The basic reason is to be found in the economic situation of the country, where galloping inflation makes even the top salaries seem little. This also reflects on the soccer fans mostly from the poorer classes — who can not afford to pay high admission charges or go to matches frequently. The result is low gates which, in turn, will not allow clubs to pay high wages to players — although most of them pay out more than soccer brings in and are continually in financial difficulties. This forces them to sell players to make ends meet ... preferably to foreign clubs as local clubs can not afford to pay high transfer fees.

Thus player and club are generally eager for a transfer abroad, but the position could be somewhat improved with a complete reorganisation of the local championship — bringing in strong teams from all over the country to replace the weak First Division "hangers on" who season after season just fight for survival. This would, for a start, distribute games all over the country — presently too many are played in and around Buenos Aires and result in higher gates.

This is being talked about — not for the first time — in a determined effort to improve Argentine league soccer, in quality and financially — but, with each club having a vote, the many weaker ones (who are likely to lose status) are trying to block changes.

NO REST FOR THE FRENCH

by Andre Duclos

PITY the poor French footballer. Scarcely had the smoke of the World Cup cleared than he was at it again: The French Championship this year began on the abnormally early date of July 19. It not only meant that our World Cup players had next to nothing in terms of a holiday (no wonder Marius Tresor went walkabout when Olympique Marseille began their season) but that even those who weren't in Argentina found themselves on a treadmill.

More so, in fact, since a number of clubs found themselves embroiled in something called the Alpine Cup. Nice and the big Yugoslav centre-half Josip Katalinski won't want to be reminded of it. It was on an early Saturday in July that Katalinski, playing against Servette of Geneva, twisted his knee so badly that he put himself out of the game for three months. A tremendous blow to a Nice team which had already parted with two internationals in Jean-Noel Huck and Roger Jouve, of whom Jouve has gone to strengthen Strasbourg: from the sunny Cote d'Azur to wintry Alsace. Huck joins Paris. One possible salution was to switch that elegant midfield veteran Jean Marc Guillou to sweeper, where he had played before, though without a lot of success.

There were two objections to that. First, that Guillou hadn't looked too happy there on the previous occasion, second that it would take his crystalline talents out of midfield. The first objection was partly answerrd by the fact that when he played libero before, Guillou had been doubling as player-manager. Just as well that at least Nice had signed a useful midfield man in Lens' left sided Bousdira.

Spectacular capture

Paris Saint Germain have been as busy in the summer as you'd have expected them to be. Unquestionably their most spectacular capture has been that of Dominique Bathenay, the Saint Etienne midfielder. Though below his best in the World Cup, largely as a consequence of absence through injury for many previous weeks, Bathenay still made a substantial difference when he came into the side against Argentina for the second match.

Now he rejoins his former Saint Etienne colleague Larque, who is now of course the very young manager of Paris Saint German. Level headed and modest as always, Bathenay says that he had been thinking of leaving Saint Etienne, the club where he grew up — he is now 27 — for the past eighteen months. He didn't, he says, a little enigmatically, any longer find the necessary motivation at Saint Etienne, despite all that the club had unquestionably done for him in the past.

He chose Paris, he says, because it is an ambitious club "with the means to succeed." Also because it plays at the Parc des Princes, where every footballer wants to play. The presence of Jean-Michel Larque obviously had something to do with his choice too, he admits, given their special relationship, but it was not a primary reason. Now that his knee injury seems at last to have cleared up, he should give his club substantial new drive from midfield, where he is such a versatile, dynamic figure.

Import and acquisition

Saint Etienne's most important acquisition is that of Bernard Lacombe, the World Cup centre-forward who says he doesn't want to play for France again, but who may now change his mind after his move from Lyon. Saint Etienne, always so splendid a club for bringing on young talent, also rejoice in the possession of perhaps the most brilliant and precocious young player in France, the 15 year old schoolboy international Laurent Paganelli.

Already their fans have had a look at him and predictably admired him. He plays against men with the same flair and precocious self possession which he shows against boys, but Robert Herbin, the young Saint Etienne manager and former captain, is too shrewd a bird to expose him too early to the buffets of first team football, the more so as he is such an inveterate and exciting dribbler, certain to be subjected to a good deal of maltreatment; not least because no hardened professional likes being taken to the cleaners by a mere boy.

Paganelli actually comes to Saint Etienne from the little M.J.C. Avignon club. His arrival coincides with the going not only of Bathenay but of both the Revelli brothers, who have done so much for the club's attack over the last five years and more. Herve, the older, who had something of an Indian summer last season, is now with Le Chesnois, and out of the First Division. Patrick stays there, however, having joined Sochaux.

French goalkeeper Jean Paul Bertrand-Demanes (left) and Michel Platini.

Monaco, surprising winners of the last French League, have not after all sold their prolific Argentine centre-forward, Delio Onnis, but instead sensibly put him on a two year contract. Over 30 now, he remains, with his fellow Argentine Carlos Bianchi of Reims — where he himself used to play — one of the most reliably prolific scorers in France. Christian Dalger, with whom he combines so well, again figures on his right, while Emon has arrived from Marseille to figure on the left wing.

Tiny crowds continue to watch Monaco, and they were scarcely helped by being obliged to contest the preliminary round of the European Cup. Not many people outside the Principality expect them to repeat their triumph this year, but then not many people expected them to win the title last year, when their splendid staying power and late burst allowed them to stave off the challenge of wealthier, more fashionable clubs such as Marseille — who have now acquired Didier Six from Lens — and Nantes.

September I sees the French international team already in the lists for a European Chmapionship home match against Sweden. George Ericsson, the Swedish manager, and Ove Kindvall, their former centre-forward, have paid such lavish public tributes to the French World Cup team that they seem to be preparing the way for their own team's defeat. In fact France should have another good season, not least because Michel Hidalgo has decided he will after all continue as its manager, despite all that unseemly wrangling about Adidas boots and the due rewards.

Andre Rey, that excellent Metz goalkeeper who missed the World Cup with an injured hand, is back on duty again.

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Racing Club's former international goalkeeper Cejas clears with a flying kick in spectacular fashion, but defender Cardenas (6) watches anxiously just in case and Boca Juniors forward Mastrangelo (7) looks on in disappointment in an Argentine First Division match.

SEVEN GOALS FOR MORENA

FERNANDO MORENA, Uruguay's best paid player, scored all seven goals in Penarol's 7-0 victory over Huracan Buceo to beat a 31-year-old Uruguayan scoring record set by Nicolas Falero. Also for Penarol, who scored six goals in a first division game. Morena also tops the scorers table with 33 goals — one off his own record of 34 goals in a season as Penarol retained their two point lead at the top of the Uruguayan First Division with two matches to go.

This season Uruguayan soccer is "back to normal" again with traditional title rivals Peñarol and Nacional at the top and the rest nowhere as Penarol has 36 points, Nacional 34 and third placed Fenix only 21. But the Uruguayan FA is facing another crisis after declaring two radio commentators "non grata" for criticizing them and banning them from the press box at matches under their jurisdiction. The UFA acted when one of them, Victor Morales, said: "UFA officials have broken the world record for incapacity." But at press time the government has intervened in the matter.

BRAZIL: BOTAFOGO BEATEN AFTER 52 GAMES

Rio de Janeiro club Botafogo's unbeaten run of 52 games was ended by Porto Alegre's Gremio who beat them 3-0 in the Brazilian national championship which has now been reduced to 32 clubs in four sections.

But in spite of their lengthy unbeaten run, Botafogo (coached by former national team coach Zegalo) are by no means sure of reaching the final round into which the top two of each section go.

The lineup of the semi-final groups being played at press time are:

Group Q: Internacional Porto Alegre, Goitacas, Santos, Botafogo (Pernambuco), Guarani, Londrina, Botafogo (S.Paulo), Goias.

Group R: Santa Cruz, Fluminense, Esporte, Operario, Portuguesa, Ponte Preta, Don Bosco, Volta Redonda.

Group S: Botafogo (Rio), America (Rio), Sao Paulo, Coritiba, Palmeiras, Gremio, Noreste, Flamengo (Rio).

Group T: Vasco da Gama, Caxias, Cruzeiro, Vitoria, Bahia, Maringa, Americano, Corintians.

ARGENTINA: SMALL CROWDS POOR SOCCER ... WEAK TEAMS

The staging of a World Cup has always been followed by one of two results in the host country.

If it did well, attendances increased at league matches. If it did badly, attendances went down. Argentina has just won the World Cup, but crowds at league matches are getting smaller and smaller with most stadiums barely half full ... and some less.

But this is not so surprising. Admission tickets have just been increased to 2500 pesos for the cheapest (£1.66) as the economic situation of the country is worsening as far as the working class (from where most of the soccer fans come) is concerned. The soccer continues to be below average — a poor comparison even to the recent low standard World Cup here — and the popular clubs continue to field weak teams.

Champions River Plate, jointly topping the table with Boca Juniors when the championship was suspended before the start of the World Cup, have dropped to sixth place — five points behind Boca after only picking up two points from their last four games — while fielding reserve teams in league matches as the Libertadores Cup was in progress which they have set their heart on winning for the first time.

Now that first round qualifying play in the cup is almost over, River Plate are due to leave for a three week European tour and leave a very weak team behind to play in the league. Many of the numerous River Plate fans are staying away from league games as they do not want to see second rate stuff.

River Plate are intent on forming two strong teams — one to tour and stand in for league games when fixtures become too congested — but they have not improved their chances by selling midfielder Sabella to Sheffield United.

Eric Weil reviews the South American scene

nor by having defender Passarella and his reserve, Rodriguez, sent off (and suspended) in successive league games.

Against Boca Juniors, in the First Division classic, their reserves did well however to lose only 1-0, but the score looks better than it was from River Plate's point of view. Boca Juniors were much more superior than that. Their defence gave nothing away, with Pernia and Suarez finding time to start many attacks, their halves dominated the midfield, but their attack showed the usual failings when the team dominates the game to much.

Boca are at their best when counter attacking. The goal came after only 12 minutes — in a counter attack — headed past Fillol by Husillo, a newcomer from the reserves who is already interesting Spanish clubs. The difference between the teams, apparent on the field if not in the score, produced another poor "classic", spoilt also by Passarella's silly action which left River Plate with 10 men for the last half hour.

The World cup captain, who had received FIFA's "Fair Play" trophy for his and his team's good behaviour, ran almost half the length of the field to kick Boca goalkeeper Santos.

Three-point leaders Boca Juniors, who moved ahead by taking seven out of the last eight points and have been unbeaten for nine games, may have problems retaining their lead too. As I write they were off to Europe for the second leg of the Europe-South America Cup against Germany's Borussia, taking 16 players, which would mean playing at least one league match with virtually a third team.

Modest Quilmes, joint second with Newell's Old Boys, stretched their unbeaten run to nine games also with the old method of winning at home (mostly by 1-0 margins) and drawing away, which is usually good enough to win a championship. Hardly good enough however is their lack of penetration in attack and their readiness to fall back to defend their slender lead.

National champions Independiente, also engaged in the Libertadores Cup, have also rested key players in many league games, but have managed to pick up more points — five in five games — while their centreforward Outes tops the scorers with 14 goals, followed by Alonso (River) and Avallay (Racing) 13, Marchetti (River) and Trossero (Union) 12.

All Boys goalkeeper Spellinga got a medal for being the longest serving pro in the First Division on the 20th anniversary of his debut with Argentinos Juniors. He also played for Boca Juniors and Racing, but he may not be able to continue his record much longer. All Boys are next to the bottom and two teams will be relegated this season ... Adolfo Pedernera, ex-River Plate star of their famous forward line of the 40's named "La Maquina" (the machine) took over as coach with ailing San Lorenzo.

His new team obliged with a 2-1 win over Colon, but hardly an improved performance ... Young international Maradona, 18 in October, did not score in little Argentinos Juniors 5-2 win over Union, but had a hand in four of the five goals with his brilliant play, but he says he does not want to play again and wants to be transferred abroad.

However, Maradona, who says an English club was prepared to pay 900,000 dollars for him, is on the list of player wanted for Argentina's Junior World Cup squad whose transfers abroad are banned.

ECUADOR: AFTER THE STORM

If FIFA had maintained its suspension of the Ecuador FA, champions Nacional and vice champions Liga Deportiva Universitaria might have gone out of existence, according to Ecuador FA official Espinoza Bermeo.

The suspension would have kept the two clubs out of the Libertadores Cup with which the clubs would have balanced their budget, he explainedf. He also said that soccer in Ecuador was losing money and is backed by club directors, but Nacional and Liga Deportiva had given guarantees on the expected big gates for cup games which they would not have been able to meet otherwise.

Espinoza Bermeo also explained how the whole problem started. The government had told FA president Carrera del Rio to vote for their candidate (Nicolas Leoz) at elections for the presidency of the South American Football Confederation, but he did not do so. As a result the government intervened the FA and FIFA suspended Ecuador as its rules do not permit government controlled national associations. Happily FIFA lifted the suspension after Ecuadorian officials spoke to FIFA president Havelange in Buenos Aires (during the World Cup) about the gravity of the situation affecting their leading clubs.

ELSEWHERE ...

Chile's First Division championship was suspended during the World Cup except for pending matches played off by champions Union Española and Palestino which had been suspended while the two played in the Libertadores Cup earlier in the season.

Palestino picked up 15 out of the possible 16 points and found themselves comfortable leaders when the tournament resumed, leading previous leaders Cobreloa, the newly promoted sensation of the season, by four points and with still a game in hand.

Colombia's "Opening" championship was won by Nacional of Medellin, while the "Closing" championship is now in progress with Millionarios of Bogota the only team with full points after three games.

Peru's Championship is topped by small provincial clubs Union Huaral and Melgar with five points after three games, while champions Alianza Lima and vice champions Sporting Cristal — who have most of Peru's national squad in their lineups — started badly while also engaged in the Libertadores Cup and have only one point each from two games.

UNHAPPY ALONSO

● *ARGENTINE World Cup half Norberto Alonso raised a lone voice of complaint only two days after his country's World Cup win. He had been brought into the squad by coach Menotti at the last moment, he said, following a public outcry, but he was never given a chance. (He was only sent on three times as a substitute for a total 59 minutes).*

Alonso came on late to save the first match against Hungary which was won with a late goal. "But that comes off only once in ten times," he said. "Against France I was again sent on to save the game which had become difficult and I wanted to get on the field as quickly as possible to have a chance of doing something. I didn't warm up properly and pulled a muscle after only a few minutes on the field, but I don't know why Oliva (the team doctor) diagnosed sciatica and gave me 16 infiltrations. I went to see my own doctor and finally my injury was cured by rest, but not by Oliva."

Alonso said that after talks with Menotti and Oliva, it was decided not to play him against Poland, but the coach promised he would be in the starting lineup against Brazil, but this was not so. Alonso denied that he and Villa had strong words with Menotti because they were left out of the team against Peru (as reported in the press), but he said he never talked about the press reports with the coach because "... if Menotti gives no explanation when he leaves out a player, Alonso doesn't give explanations either."

● *BRAZIL'S World Cup players were claiming "appearance fees" from Brazilian TV after having appeared on the screens during World Cup games. Players union secretary Emerson Leao, the team's goalkeeper, estimates that about 10,000 dollars were due to each player.*

Racing Club's Cordero — in whom Sheffield United were reported to be interested earlier in the season — heads for goal in a First Division match against Atlanta.

By BRIAN GLANVILLE

Villa and Ardiles are most welcome

AN Argentinian football fan, outraged by my criticisms of his team and their World Cup victory, telexed me from Buenos Aires to point out that they had won the Fair Play award. The mind boggles. Should we take this as an indication that sportmanship is dead, that those who voted on the matter were congenital idiots, that they intended nothing more than a genial obeisance to the host country, or that other teams were still less sportsmanlike than Argentina?

For let us look at a few of the facts. In the first place, let us look at Daniel Passarella, Captain of Argentina. Guilty in the first game, against Hungary, of a ferocious bodycheck on Pinter, a foul just as displeasing as those which had Toroscik and Nilyasi sent off. Guilty, in the Final against Holland, of a cold blooded elbow into the face of Johan Neeskens, far off the ball, which laid the Dutchman low.

Guilty, before the game ever began, of leading his team on to the field a full five minutes late, most cynical of ploys, made familiar in the past by Brazil. Guilty then of an equally cynical protest against the plaster worn by Rene Van de Kerkhof on his forearm, something which has not elicited a word of complaint from previous opponents. No doubt Passarella himself was not solely culpable for these stratagems before ever a ball was kicked in the Final, but he was unquestionably a player who was immensely lucky not to collect the two bookings which would have earned him a suspension.

Item. The dreadful foul by Leopoldo Luque within ten second of the start of the game at Rosario against Brazil — perpetrated on Batista. Item. The still worse foul committed, in the second half, again on the hapless Batista, by Ricardo Villa, the new Tottenham Hotspur midfield man. Item. The infinity of fouls committed especially by Gallego on Toroscik, the Hungarian centre forward, until at last something snapped, Toroscik kicked out at his tormentor, and was sent off.

Item, Rosario: the game against Poland in which Mario Kempes, back on his own goal line, Total Football incarnate, punched out the attempt by Lato which was just about to cross the line to give Poland a goal. As we all known Kazimierz Deyna, subsequently pursued by Manchester City, feebly missed the penalty kick. No apology for evoking the words of Sir Stanley Rous to the effect that a player who punches off the line in such circumstances, even if he gives away a penalty which is then missed, "has lost his reputation as a sportsman."

To give a team such as Argentina an award for fair play seems to me either a piece of massive dishonesty or a piece of total imbecility. You can take your choice.

The response of the Professional Footballers' Association to Tottenham's singing of Ricardo Villa and Osvaldo Ardiles was, I suppose, predictable enough. It also provided an exquisite paradigm of Trade Union activity in Britain, by and large. It has been said that the Unions have poked their nose into matters which should not really concern them, matters of State and policy, while neglecting, even betraying, the true interests of their members; that they have forced through policies, perpetuated situations, which have led to unemployment, inflation and the continuing of relatively low wages.

Enter the P.F.A. To my astonishment, they raised not a peep when the Football League clubs contemptuously brushed aside even that half baked compromise on freedom of contract which had previously been adumbrated; a compromise whereby players would, at the end of their contracts, be free to move, subject to the payment of a fee automatically calculated on a basis of age and service.

That wasn't freedom of contract in my book, but at least it was something. In the event, the players, whose passive, put-upon creatures, have not got even that. All the clubs have conceded to them is that if, at the end of a player's contract, he wishes to change clubs and his own club demands more than the purchasing club is prepared to pay, the fee should be determined by a tribunal. This is what happened in the case of John Lacey, the Fulham centre-half who has now, with Ardiles and Villa, joined Tottenham.

Congratulate

If that is freedom of contract, then I am a Martian. Yet the PFA seem to have accepted it, and to have reserved their public opprobrium for such as the Ardiles-Villa transfer. I myself approve thoroughly of the transfer, congratulate Tottenham's manager, shy but determined Keith Burkinshaw, their Chairman, Sidney Wale, on a deal which is at once enterprising and extraordinarily shrewd.

For some £750,000, Spurs have acquired Ardiles, probably the best midfield player in the World Cup, and Villa, an inside-forward of great skill and flair. Such a price would, in Italy, acquire you, were you lucky, a modest Second Division player. A PFA representative bewailed the fact that the arrival of the two Argentinians would, as it was, put two Spurs players out of the team.

Those of us unfortunate enough to have watched Spurs, inept at the back indifferent at the front, crawling their way last season into the First Division, would suggest that you might perm two from any five or six. To remain in the First Division, where the club traditionally belongs, there is not doubt at all that Spurs would have to buy several players, and that by the same token several players would have lost their place. That, as they say, is football.

The truth of the matter is that in the ensuing years, we in Britain are likely to lose more and more of our players to foreign clubs, above all to the greedy Americans. The North American Soccer League is still largely a mess, an ill balanced amalgam of the distinguished, the competent and the frankly mediocre.

Its appetite, however, is growing. From a minor nuisance, it is developing into a major hazard. Already it has snatched Franz Beckenbauer from West Germany, and therefore from the stage of World football. That has been a loss in which we all shared, for the 1978 World Cup severely felt his absence — as he toiled in the obscurity of an NASL League still largely made safe for our Third Division players.

Bitterness

That League tempted Charlton Athletic, inexcusably in my opinion, to let its best striker, Mike Flanagan, go to Boston, at a moment when the South East London club's permanence in the Second Division still hung in the balance. By the grace of God and the width of a goalpost, they survived at Orient, but the bitterness among their supporters was comprehensible.

The NASL have also prevailed on Birmingham City to release Trevor Francis — physically a fragile player — for the summer, to play for the Detroit Express, alongside such companions as Furphy Junior, son of the manager, who was signed from non-League football. Francis, needless to say, has been scoring plenty of goals, but I wish I could share the optimism of his manager at Birmingham, Jim Smith, as to how he will fare this season. With £50,000 in the bank, for frolicking in the shallows of the NASL, perhaps Francis himself will not be overly worried, but the precedent is a worrying one.

Do not forget, either, that his name has been associated with Juventus, who from 1979 onwards will be in a position to offer British clubs the kind of money they can scarcely refuse. Paolo Rossi, after all, was valued by Lanerossi Vincenza at £3,000,000 when they put, in a sealed evelope, their manic bid for the half-share still held by Juventus.

In all these circumstances, I am delighted to see Villa and Ardiles coming to Tottenham, Sabella coming to Sheffield United. Cold winds are blowing in from the Continent and across the Atlantic. The PFA in its unwisdom and ingenuousness seems to believe that Ardiles and Villa are merely the first of the few. My own feeling is that they represent a bizarre and delightful aberation. I hope they will not wake up too quickly to the fact that they could have earned so much more, with so much less tax, and with no language problem at all, in Spain.

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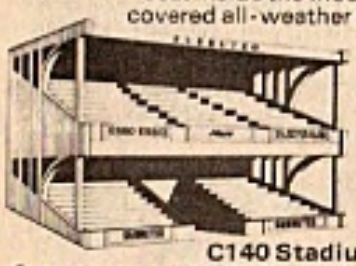

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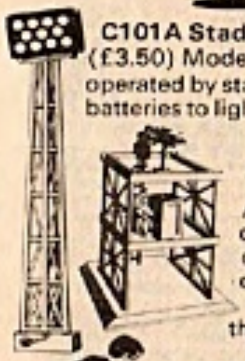

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An easy-reference guide by KEIR RADNEDGE to the clubs taking part in this season's European competitions. (Entrants whose names were not available at the time of the first-round draw will be included in a future edition).

ALBANIA

Champions' Cup: VLLAZNIA SHKODER. Five league wins, two cups. The first Albanian team in European competition for several years and the only provincial team to make an impact in the league, having won in 1972 and 1974 as well as this year. Previous two league wins were in 1945 and 1946 and they are thus one of the comparatively older clubs from Europe's soccer mystery country.
Cup-winners' Cup: No entry.
UEFA Cup: No entry.

AUSTRIA

Champions' Cup: F. K. AUSTRIA-MEMPHIS. 13 league, 19 cup (record). Founded 1911, but their history goes back to the Cricketers club of 1894. One of the great European clubs of the 1930s, providing the backbone of the Wunderteam, including the centre forward Matthias Sindelar, and twice winners of the Mitropa Cup. Sponsored now by tobacco firm who make Memphis cigarettes, FK Austria became last season the first club from their country to reach a European club final — losing 4-0 to Anderlecht in the Cup-winners' Cup in Paris. Robert Sara (skipper and right back), Herbert Prohaska (midfield) and Hans Pirkner (forward, now transferred) all played in the World Cup.
Cup-winners' Cup: SSW INNSBRUCK. 5 league, 3 cup. The most successful recent provincial club. All five championships have come since 1971, though they were founded in 1914. They play in the Tivoli stadium and the star is Austrian World Cup goalkeeper Friedl Koncilia, now that defender Bruno Pezzey appears bound for Eintracht Frankfurt. Manager is Hans Eigenstiller, former player who has this summer succeeded Georg Kessler.
UEFA Cup: RAPID VIENNA. 25 league (record), 9 cup. The transfer of Golden Boot winner Hans Krankl to Barcelona, though good for the bank balance, won't suit the results. In their first three Intertoto games since Krankl's departure Rapid managed only one goal. Founded in 1898, and playing most games in the Hütteldorf stadium, Rapid's great days lie in the past, with names such as Ernst Happel and Gerhardt Hanappi, who won 91 caps in the 1950s and played for the Rest of the World at Wembley in 1953.
STURM GRAZ. No domestic success to their name. Sturm president Gady is looking to the experience of Heinz Schilcher (ex-Ajax Amsterdam) and Denmark's Kjell Seneca (ex-Bayern Munich) to spring a surprise in the first round against Borussia Moenchengladbach.

BELGIUM

Champions' Cup: FC BRUGGE. 5 league, 3 cup. Founded 1894, and best-known for their two recent European finals against Liverpool. They lost 4-3 on aggregate in the 1976 UEFA Cup Final, and 1-0 at Wembley in last Season's Champion's Cup Final. Ernst Happel is still boss, after his World Cup excursion with Holland, and there have been no significant transfers, either to or from.
Cup-winners' Cup: ANDERLECHT. 16 league (record), 5 cup (record). After for years being the whipping boys of Europe Anderlecht (founded 1908, colours violet and white) have finally established themselves. The improvement was demonstrated by the Fairs' Cup runners-up spot behind Arsenal in 1970, and has been underlined since the arrival of Dutch World Cup hero Rob Rensenbrink. He scored twice in both Cup-winners' Cup wins, over West Ham in 1976, and FK Austria this year. Anderlecht were runners-up to Hamburg in between. Van der Elst, Arie Haan and Co all remain.
BEVEREN. 1 cup. Last season saw their first domestic success, though they were a little flattered to beat Charleroi (conquerors of Brugge) 2-0 in the final. Best known player is international goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff.

Arsenal goalkeeper Pat Jennings . . . back in Europe this season.

UEFA Cup: STANDARD LIEGE. 6 league, 3 cup. Austrian leading scorer Alfred Riedl may be West Germany-bound by now. Certainly Harald Nickel has gone to Eintracht Braunschweig. Founded in 1898, Standard reached the Champions' Cup semi-final in 1962. Top player now is Iceland's Ausgeir Sigurvinsson.
LIERSE. 3 league, 1 cup. Only claim to fame is that they once beat Leeds in a Fairs Cup tie.

BULGARIA

Champions' Cup: LOKOMOTIV SOFIA. 3 league, 2 cup. Last victory in anything was in the championship 14 years ago. Big games in the 60,000 Vassil Levsky stadium. Outstanding players include 1974 World Cup squad men Rumjantscho Gorano (goalkeeper, 28), defenders Jordan Stoikow (26) and Borislav Dimitrov (26), midfielder Traiko Sokolov (26) and striker Atanas Michailov (29).
Cup-winners' Cup: MAREK STANKE DIMITOV. 1 cup. Their first trophy, having been promoted only three years ago thanks to the efforts of a team of first division club cast-offs and rejects.
UEFA Cup: CSKA SOFIA (ex CDNA). 19 league (rcd), 10 cup. Army team famous for their nine-year championship dominance in the 1960s and the first outstanding Bulgarian footballer, Ivan Kolev. Founded in 1948, play in the People's Army stadium and top players include defender Conoe Vassilev (27), midfielder Bojil Kolev (29) and forward Georgi Denev (28).
LEVSKY-SPARTAK. 12 league, 12 cup (rcd). Levsky, one of the country's oldest clubs, merged a few years back with Spartak. Frequent double winners, most famous past player was Georgi Asperoukhov, who appeared in the 1962 and 1966 World Cups, scored a memorable goal in a friendly at Wembley, and was then killed in a car crash. Top men now goalkeeper Stefan Staikov (28), sweeper Kril Ivkov (32), midfielder Pavel Panov (27) and 29-year-old centre Kril Milanov, who once scored 6 goals in a European competition game.
TRAKIA PLOVDIV. 1 league. Founded in 1967 from a merger of two Plovdiv clubs, Spartak and Akademik. Squeezed into the UEFA Cup after Bulgaria were, to their surprise, allotted an extra place this season. Trainer is former international Iwan Manolov.

CYPRUS

Champions' Cup: OMONIA NICOSIA. 8 league, 2 cup.
Cup-winners' Cup: APOEL NICOSIA. 11 league, 9 cup. Both totals are records.
UEFA Cup: PEZOPORIKOS LARNACA. 1 league, 2 cup. Qualification was a clear sign of a long-awaited revival, for that sole league win was 24 years ago.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Champions' Cup: ZBROJOVKA BRNO. 1 league. To Josef Masopust, former European footballer of the year and driving force from midfield behind the Czech team who reached the 1962 World Cup Final, goes all the glory. It was the former Dukla star who, as manager, guided Brno to take over at the top from his old club. Dukla did win at Brno, but it was the penultimate game of the season and too late to make any difference. Ex-Dukla international Ivan Dvorak is the key defender and Karel Kroupa, with 21 goals the league's top scorer, the key forward.
Cup-winners' Cup: BANKIK OSTRAVIA. 1 league, 2 cup.
UEFA Cup: DUKLA PRAGUE. 9 league, 4 cup (eq. rcd). The army team who dominated in the early 1960s and provided backbone of World Cup runners-up — Pluskal, Masopust, Novak, Adamec and Jelinek. Founded in 1948, went through two other names before taking that of the Dukla pass, scene of a famous battle. Present stars are goalkeeper Jaroslav Netolicka, central defender Vaclav Samek and forward Zdenek Nehoda.
LOKOMOTIV KOSICE. 1 cup. UEFA Cup qualification was proof of Kosice's progress, for their cup win was in 1977. Josef Moder, in midfield, is their best-known player, but even he is unlikely to be able to take Kosice beyond their first round tie with Milan.

DENMARK

Champions' Cup: ODENSE BK. 2 league, 3 cup. Their European campaign began early, with the Intertoto, in which they lost 2-1 home and away to Kaiserslautern. Denmark has turned to semi-professional football, but it's too much to expect Odense to display progress this early.
Cup-winners' Cup: FREM or ESBJERG. The Cup Final still had to be played at the time of writing.
UEFA Cup: BI903 COPENHAGEN. 7 league. Another club to try their luck in the Intertoto this summer — and suffer a quick 5-1 thrashing by Braunschweig for their trouble.

EAST GERMANY

Champions' Cup: DYNAMO DRESDEN. 6 league (eq. rcd). Lost the Cup Final to Magdeburg, but narrowly pipped them in the league. Backbone of the East German 1974 World Cup team and highly praised by Liverpool last season despite being easily brushed aside in the second round. Champions three years running, but badly miss the retired Hans-Jurgen Kreische. Top players are goalkeeper Klaus Boden (27), defenders Siegmund Waetzlich (30) and Frank Ganzera (31), midfielders Reinhard Haefner (26) and Hans-Jurgen Dörner (27), and forwards Peter Kotte (23) and Dieter Riedel (30).
Cup-winners' Cup: FC MAGDEBURG. 3 league, 5 cup (rcd). Beat Dresden in Cup Final, but just lost out to them in the league. First — and so far only — East German club to win a European title when they beat Milan 2-0 in the 1974 Cup-winners' final. Jürgen Sparwasser, the man whose goal beat West Germany in the 1974 World Cup, remains, as do Jurgen Pommerenke, Axel Tyll, Martin Hoffman and, also up front, spearhead Joachim Streich.
UEFA Cup: DYNAMO BERLIN. 1 cup. Reinhard Lauck, in midfield, has been the main player of note, but he's now 31. 1974 World Cup man.
LOKOMOTIVE LEIPZIG. 2 cup. Experienced European campaigners now, have become fairly well known in Britain after ties with Wolves, Ipswich, Spurs and Scottish sides. Both Henning Frenzel and Wolfram Löwe up front are on the verge of

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retirement, but Joachim Fritzsche — a 28-year-old left back who likes a crack at goal — and Gunther Sakora (27) remain in defence.

CARL ZEISS JENA. 3 league, 4 cup. Founded in 1945, known for many years as Motor Jena before taking the name of the optics firm. Another ageing team. The Ducke brothers have long since retired, but they retain Lothar Kurbjuweit (27, defence), Konrad Weise (27, defence) and midfielder Harald Irmscher (32) from their more successful days.

ENGLAND

Champions' Cup: LIVERPOOL. 10 league (rcd), 2 cup. European champions, having beaten Brussia Mg 3-1 in Rome in 1977, and Brugge 1-0 at Wembley last season. Founded in 1892 and still as solid as ever with Bob Paisley's transfer market acumen having paid off in the success of Kenny Dalglish (£440,000) and Graeme Souness (£352,000).

NOTTINGHAM FOREST. 1 league, 2 cup. Founded 1865, but have never had a more remarkable season. Under controversial Brian Clough they raced straight from the Second Division to the league title. Big spending paid off in the signings of central defender Kenny Burns and Scotland World Cup midfielder Archie Gemmill. The reward? A first round tie with Liverpool!

Cup-winners' Cup: IPSWICH. 1 league, 1 cup. Founded 1887, but turned pro only in 1936. Bobby Robson's team won the FA Cup for the first time by beating Arsenal 1-0 with a goal from Roger Osborne. European experience in the UEFA Cup.

UEFA Cup: EVERTON. 7 league, 3 cup. Brought back into Europe by controversial manager Gordon Lee. England centre forward Bob Latchford last season became first top division player to reach 30 goals for six years.

MANCHESTER CITY. 2 league, 4 cup. Founded 1887. Cup-winners' Cup victors in 1970, but European disappointments otherwise. Have money to burn, buying £350,000 Mike Channon a year ago and, at the time of writing, chasing both Gerry Francis and Poland's Kazimierz Deyna.

ARSENAL. 8 league, 4 cup. Founded 1886. Perhaps the most famous of English clubs. Managed by ex-Northern Ireland centre half Terry Neill, and featuring an outstanding Southern Irish midfield general in Liam Brady. Pat Jenning, Pat Rice and Malcolm Macdonald are other stars.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION. 1 league, 5 cup. Founded 1879. Back in Europe for the first time in 10 years under Ron Atkinson, who took over in midseason after Ronnie Allen left for Saudi Arabia. Allen had taken over only months before from Ireland-bound Johnny Giles.

FINLAND

Champions' Cup: VALKEAKOSKEN HAKA. 4 league, 5 cup.
Cup-winners' Cup: No entry.
UEFA Cup: KUOPION PALLOSEURA. 5 lge (eq. rcd), 1 cup.

FRANCE

Champions' Cup: MONACO. 3 league, 2 cup. Champions in their first season back in the top flight after exciting duel with Nantes. Coached by veteran Lucien Leduc, who led Monaco to first championship success back in the early 1960s. Gates rarely rise above 4,000 and they rely on cash backing of Prince Rainer. Rely for goals on Argentine centre-forward Delio Onnis. Midfielder Jean Petit (28) and outside right Christian Dalger (28) were both in Argentina for the World Cup.

Cup-winners' Cup: NANCY-LORRAINE. 2 cup. The club of Michel Platini who, after a mixed World Cup, is not now so confident whether he wants to leave for Inter-Milan at the end of the season when his contract expires. Inter took out a £60,000 option earlier this year.

UEFA Cup: STRASBOURG. 2 cup. Manchester United once put six past them in European competition. Their one World Cup man was the unfortunately-named goalkeeper Dominique Dropsy (26). Winger Albert Gemmrich (23) and defender Leonard Specht (24) were in the squad of 40.

NANTES. 4 league, 1 cup. Managed by ex-French World Cup winger Jean Vincent. Probably the best-balanced team in the country. Unlucky to lose out in league title race, provided eight players to World Cup 40, though only goalkeeper Jean-Paul Bertrand-Demanes, defenders Patrice Rio and Maxime Bossis and skipper and midfielder Henri Michel went out to play. Michel was one of France's best players.

GREECE

Champions' Cup: AEK ATHENS. 7 lge, 7 cup. Did the double under Yugoslav Tschik Cajkovski, but he's now moved on to Zurich after ending a long spell of failure — the last league win was seven years back, the last cup win 12 seasons ago. Put English club QPR out of the UEFA Cup in dramatic circumstances two years ago. Ferenc Puskas is new boss.

Cup-winners' Cup: PAOK SALONIKA. 1 lge, 2 cup. Beaten by AEK in Cup Final replay.

UEFA Cup: PANATHINAIKOS. 12 lge, 6 cup. Champions' Cup runners-up to Ajax in 1971 under Puskas. Founded in 1908, their fortunes were revived with the signing of Polish manager Kazimierz Gorski. The man who took the Poles to the 1972 Olympic title and third place in the 1974 World Cup then led Panathinaikos to the double last year.

OLYMPIAKOS PIRAEUS. 20 lge, 17 cup. Both totals a record. Ground has been closed in the past by UEFA because of crowd trouble. Northern Ireland international centre forward Derek Spence recently had a brief spell with them.

HUNGARY

Champions' Cup: UJPEST DOZSA. 17 lge, 4 cup. Had seven men in the World Cup 40 including the too-lively centre forward Andras Torocsik, who has now been banned from internationals for a year after his expulsion against Argentina. Laslo Fazekas, who lost his Hungarian captaincy and team place after the beating at Wembley, is also an Ujpest man along with no less than three players named Toth — Andras, Jozsef and Zoltan! One of Europe's senior clubs, having been founded in 1885.

Cup winners' Cup: Yet to be named at time of writing.

UEFA Cup: Yet to be named at time of writing.

HOLLAND

Champions' Cup: PSV EINDHOVEN. 7 lge, 4 cup. Unbeaten until shortly before the end of the season, when they lost twice in quick succession. The club of electrics giant Philips, reached the Champions' Cup semi-finals in 1976. Ex-Saint Etienne forward Kees Rijvers is still coach, with the talented squad including World Cup men such as the Van der Kerkhof twins, Rene and Willy, Jan Poortvliet and Erny Brandts — scorer of a fabulous goal against Italy. Defender Adrie Van Kraay and forward Harry Lubse were also in Argentina. Founded in 1913, squad also includes Welsh international Nick Deacy.

Cup-winners' Cup: AZ'67 ALKMAAR. 1 cup. Won the cup, their first title, by beating Ajax 1-0. Formed a merger in 1967 (hence the name). Alkmaar have a number of talented players including 1974 World Cup midfielder Wim Van Hanegem (now 33), Jan Peters (scorer of two goals against England at Wembley) and the unfortunate left back Hans Hovenkamp, who missed out on Argentina because of a knee injury. Kees Kist, who withdrew from the Argentina squad for personal reasons, was second top scorer in Holland last season with 25 goals.

UEFA Cup: AJAX AMSTERDAM. 17 lge, 7 cup. Both totals a record. Champions of Europe from 1971 to 1973, and also world champions in 1972, they still have Rudi Krol (just!) and several new young players of potential such as striker Tschou la Ling and the Moluccan midfielder, Simon Tahamata. They have lost spearhead Ruud Geels (32 goals last season), but have replaced him with an Englishman, the ex-Sparta Rotterdam and Mansfield centre forward Ray Clarke. New manager, replacing Tomislav Ivic, is Cor Crom.

TWENTE ENSCHEDE. 1 cup. Experienced European campaigners, having been UEFA Cup runners-up in 1975. Discovered the Van der Kerkhofs, but only utility man Piet Wildschut of their present squad went to Argentina. Coach is Luxembourg's Spitz Kohn. Present club the product of a merger in 1965.

ICELAND

Champions' Cup: IA AKRANES. 10 lge. Backbone of the team who beat East Germany and later Northern Ireland in recent years. Coach in George Kirby, once the centre forward scourge of many a defence in the lower divisions in England.

Cup-winners' Cup: VALUR REYKJAVIK. 15 lge, 3 cup.

UEFA Cup: IBV VESTMANN. 1 lge, 2 cup. The club from the live Volcanic Vestmann Islands qualified for the UEFA Cup at the end of their first season back in the first division.

ITALY

Champions' Cup: JUVENTUS. 18 lge, 5 cup. Both totals a record. Juventus had 11 men in the Italians' World Cup 40, nine of whom went on to play in the finals, veteran goalkeeper Dino Zoff, defenders Gaetano Scirea — an outstanding sweeper in Argentina — Antonio Cabrini, Antonello Cuccureddu and Claudio Gentile, midfielders Romeo Benetti and Marco Tardelli, and forwards Franco Causio and 'Bobby-gol' Bettega. Twice runners-up in the Fairs Cup and 1977 UEFA Cup winners, Juventus place the Champion's Cup at the top of their priorities this season after surprisingly falling to Brugge in last season's semis. But ... they made no significant improvements in their squad during the summer.

Cup-winners' Cup: INTERNAZIONALE. 11 lge, 2 cup. European and world club champions in 1964 and 1965. Inter are searching for a new identity after the retirements of Sandro Mazzola last year and Giacinto Facchetti this summer. Founded in 1908, and playing of course at San Siro, coach for a second season in Eugenio Bersellini, who'll probably put a lot of hope in new midfielder Enrico Pasinato, from Ascoli. Inter beat holders Napoli in the Cup Final.

UEFA Cup: LANEROSSI VICENZA. With no successes in league or cup, Lanerossi were a surprise packet last season in their first year back in *Serie A*. It's all down to 21-year-old centre forward Paolo Rossi. He was top scorer in the promotion season and also in the first division last season, with 24 goals. Valued at a staggering £3.5 million!

TORINO. 8 lge, 4 cup. Centre forward Francesco Graziani, striking partner Paolino Pulici, and midfielders Claudio and brother Patrizio Sala and Renato Zaccarelli, were the Torino men in Argentina — though only Zaccarelli was a regular. Coach Gigi Radice has had little success in renovating his team during the close season and the 1978 Italian champions have no hope of success to match that of the pre-Superga glory days in the 1940s.

MILAN. 9 lge, 4 cup. Founded in 1899, Milan still have the old gang, with the Swede Nils Liedholm as coach, Nereo Rocco 'upstairs' keeping a fatherly eye on everything, and the power behind the club, Gianni Rivera, still captaining the team from midfield. Milan made two coups in the transfer market, signing Perugia's Walter Novellino and Bologna's Stefano Chiodi to boost their attack. Things are looking up for the club who have twice been European champions and twice won the Cup-winners' Cup, as well as the world club cup in 1969.

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NAPOLI. 2 cup. Having fought off bids for £2 million Beppe Savoldi during the summer, Napoli have made several signings of their own, but there's no-one with the potential to take over the midfield role of Antonio Juliano, the veteran captain now on his way after a dispute over a new contract.

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LUXEMBOURG

Champions' Cup: PROGRES NIEDCORN. 2 lge, 2 cup. No chance of progress against Real Madrid!

Cup-winners' Cup: UNION SPORTIVE. 1 cup. Englishman George Berry was coach in the early 1960s.

UEFA Cup: JEUNESSE D'ESCH. 16 lge (rcd), 7 cup. Only Luxembourg team who have ever made much of their limited resources in Europe. Embarrassed Liverpool a couple of years back.

MALTA

Champions' Cup: VALLETTA. 10 lge, 5 cup. Double-winners last season.

Cup-winners' Cup: FLORIANA. 24 lge (rcd), 14 cup.

UEFA Cup: HIBERNIAN. 3 lge, 3 cup.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Champions' Cup: LINFIELD. 31 lge, 31 cup. Both totals a record. Under player-manager Roy Coyle, the ex-Grimsby and Sheffield Wednesday midfielder, Linfield's youth policy paid off handsomely and they won the double. In the cupthey appeared in the final for the fourth time in succession, yet their victory over Ballymena was their first in all those finals. Centre forward Jim Martin was footballer of the year, while Peter Rafferty proved the best centre back in the league.

Cup-winners' Cup: BALLYMENA UNITED. 3 cup. Lost only 2-1 to Linfield in the Cup Final despite finishing second from bottom of the league, under ex-Northern Ireland international Bobby Johnstone. Their first European venture will see them relying heavily on Tom Sloan, a winger who was voted the Teenage Player of the Year.

UEFA Cup: GLENTORAN. 17 lge, 9 cup. Chased Linfield hard in the league then, with five games to go, sold two key men to US club Tulsa and lost their title chance. Winger Warren Feeney has been league top scorer in the past two years, but has played only one international, against Israel. Manager is ex-Leeds captain, Arthur Stewart. This will be their 15th year in Europe.

NORWAY

Champions' Cup: LILLISTROM. 3 lge. Achieved the double last season under the leadership of Tom Lund, Norway's outstanding forward who once turned down an offer to turn pro with Ajax at their peak. It was to Lillestrom that Tommy Docherty nearly moved after his dismissal by Manchester United, before he took the Derby job. That late switch had the Norwegians talking in terms of breach of contract court proceedings, but now that's all water under the bridge.

Cup-winners' Cup: BODO GLIMT. 1 cup.

UEFA Cup: MOLDE FK. No titles. START KRISTIANSAND. Nothing here either.

POLAND

Champions' Cup: WISLA KRAKOW. 6 lge, 1 cup. First league success since 1951. Wisla had five men in the World Cup 40, four of whom went to Argentina — full backs Antoni Szymanowski and Henruk Maculewicz, midfielder Adam Nawalka, and striker Andrzej Iwan who, at 18, was the youngest player in the finals. The fifth man was striker Zdislaw Kapka, a 1974 World Cup reserve. There is some doubt whether Maculewicz may not be released to Lens in France, under government orders, to aid his studies as a chemical engineer.

Cup-winners' Cup: ZAGLEBIE SOSNOWIECZ. 3 cup. Had three men in Argentina, though the only one to appear was midfielder Wlodek Mazur, and that only in the opening game. In the squad were goalkeeper Zdislaw Kostrzewa and left back Wojciech Rudy.

UEFA Cup: LECH POZNAN. Had two men in Argentina — one being coach Jerzy Kopa, who was among manager Jacek Gmoch's aides, and the other being 29-year-old full back Miroslaw Justek. Justek made his international debut only last season but didn't appear in the finals. Piotr Mowlik is also a useful goalkeeper. The Lech stadium holds only 20,000, so big matches — should they progress — could be switched to the bigger Warta ground.

PORTUGAL

Champions' Cup: FC PORTO. 6 lge, 4 cup. Very nearly achieved the double, but lost the Cup Final in a replay to Sporting Lisbon after the first match ended with fighting on the pitch and in the stands. Founded in 1906, Porto are managed by ex-national boss Jose Maria Pedroto, and overtook Benfica towards the end of the campaign. Play in the 70,000-capacity Estadio dos Antas, and the most experienced international is midfielder or winger Octavio, a 29-year-old with 20 caps. The Brazilian Dudu, at 31, is back after a spell in Spain with Sevilla. But Seninho, who upset Manchester United in the Cup-winners' Cup last season, may by now be a permanent part of the North American scene.

Cup-winners' Cup: SPORTING CLUB. 14 lge, 9 cup. Founded 1906, play in green and white hoops and claim a Cup-winners' Cup victory (in 1964 in a replay against MTK) among their successes. Beat Porto only in a replayed Cup Final, then flew off virtually 24 hours' later for a tour of China. The only Portuguese club to have won the league four years in a row — even Benfica can't match that!!

UEFA Cup: BENFICA. 23 lge, 15 cup. Both totals a record. Went through much of last season unbeaten, but collapsed after Champions' Cup defeat by Liverpool. Founded 1904, won the Champions' Cup in 1961 and 1962, and were runners-up in 1963, 1965 and 1968. Fernando Chalna in attack and Humberto Coelho in the centre of defence are the best players. Manager now starting his third season is 48-year-old Englishman John Mortimore.

BRAGA. 1 cup.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Champions' Cup: BOHEMIANS. 7 lge, 4 cup. This past season helped make up for 1977, when they missed top place in the league by just one point.

Cup-winners' Cup: SHAMROCK ROVERS. 10 lge, 21 cup. Both totals a record.

UEFA Cup: FINN HARPS. 1 cup.

RUMANIA

Champions' Cup: STEAUA BUCHAREST. 9 lge (eq. rcd), 12 cup (rcd). As CCA they dominated Rumanian soccer in the early years after the war, winning the double in 1951 and 1952 but then not again until 1976. This year they won a thrilling four-horse race to the league title by a most slender margin. It was with Steaua that Stefan Kovacs made his reputation before earning wider fame with Ajax Amsterdam and the French national team.

Cup-winners' Cup: UNIVERSITATEA CRAIOVA. 1 lge, 2 cup.

UEFA Cup: ARGES PITESTI. 1 lge.

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RUSSIA

Champions' Cup: DYNAMO KIEV. 8 lge, 4 cup. The first Soviet team to win a European trophy, when they took the Cup-winners' Cup in 1975. Their outstanding player remains ex-European footballer of the year Oleg Blokhin, though there are new youngsters coming along now to replace old stagers such as Konkov, Kolotov and Co. Founded in 1927, Kiev's 90,000 capacity home crowds for most ties make them one of the best-supported clubs in Europe.

Cup-winners' Cup: Yet to be named at time of writing.

UEFA Cup: DYNAMO TBILISI. 1 lge, 1 cup. Have made several visits to Britain in European competition, including ties with Cardiff and Tottenham. League leaders at time of writing. Top forward is David Kipiani, last season's leading scorer.

MOSCOW TORPEDO. 3 lge, 5 cup. The first Russian team to compete in the Champions' Cup in the mid-1960s, Torpedo are back in Europe after several years in the doldrums.

SCOTLAND

Champions' Cup: GLASGOW RANGERS. 36 lge (rcd), 22 cup. Formed in 1873 and turned pro in 1893, Rangers and traditional rivals Celtic provide one of the most famous — and infamous — rivalries in football. Winners of the Cup-winners' Cup in 1972 and finalists in 1961 and 1967, Rangers' European record is comparatively disappointing when you consider the talent at their disposal and their regular appearances.

Cup-winners' Cup: ABERDEEN. 1 lge, 2 cup. Revitalised in recent years. Credit due to present Scotland boss Ally MacLeod who took them to third place in the Premier Division in 1977, and then to his successor Billy McNeill, who took Aberdeen to the Cup Final, where they lost to double-winning Rangers, thus earning a place in Europe as consolation. McNeill has now left, too, to manage his old club, Celtic.

UEFA Cup: DUNDEE UNITED. No trophies to their name, and their modest role in Scottish football is emphasised by the fact that the Swede, Orjan Persson, still counts as the most-capped international to have played for the club!

HIBERNIAN. 4 lge, 2 cup. The first British club to take part in the Champions' Cup, reaching the semi-finals in the inaugural competition in 1955-56. Nothing of note since.

SPAIN

Champions' Cup: REAL MADRID. 18 lge (rcd), 13 cup. Six-times Champions' Cup winners, twice beaten finalists, once Cup-winners' Cup finalists. It's a proud record, but the chances of enhancing it appear slim. With the death of president Santiago Bernabeu, team reinforcement seems to have been neglected this summer. Carlos Santillana, Pirri, Juanito and Miguel Angel were Madrid men in Argentina, but Pirri is nearing the end of his career. Uli Stielike proved a sound buy out of the Borussia Mg midfield, but Henning Jensen, the Dane, has appeared injury-prone and inconsistent. Argentina's 1974 defender, Quique Wolff, has proved a good investment. Founded 1902, colours — of course — all white.

Cup-winner' Cup: BARCELONA. 9 lge, 18 cup. Three times winners of the Fairs Cup, oce finalists and once finalists in the other two European competitions. No Cruyff this season and no Michels on the trainer's bench. Instead it's Austria's Hans Krankl leading the line, and the Frenchman Lucien Muller, applying the guiding hand. With a new president as well it's all-change at CFB. Neeskens remains, and of Spain's World Cup squad Juan Manuel Asensi, Carlos Rexach, Jesus De la Cruz and the oustanding stopper, Migueli, are there too. Founded by a Swiss, Hans Gamper, in 1899. Beat Las Palmas in the Cup Final.

UEFA Cup: ATHELTIC BILBAO. 6 lge, 22 cup (rcd). Lost to Juventus in the 1977 UEFA Cup Final on the away goal. Oldest first division club, having been founded in 1898, and have never been relegated (the same as Real Madrid and Barcelona). Only striker Dani appeared in the World Cup Finals, scoring in the first game against Austria, while veteran goalkeeper Jose Angel Iribar remains, with 49 caps, the record Spanish international.

VALENCIA. 4 lge, 4 cup. Will be one of Europe's biggest draws this season, both in competition and friendlies, featuring both Argentine hero Mario Kempes and West Germany's Rainer Bonhof. Surprisingly the last time they won anything was the Spanish league in 1971. Coach now is former French international Marcel Domingo, nicknamed the 'Volcano' for his temperamental outbursts which have earned more than one touchline ban.

SPORTING GIJON. Two World Cup men

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in veteran skipper and forward Enrique Castro, better known by his non de guerre of Quini, as well as Javier Uruia, the Real Madrid cast-off who battled back to earn his trip to Argentina. Gijon's last season was their first back in the first division.

SWEDEN

Champions' Cup: MALMOE. 12 lge, 9 cup (rcd). Have won seven league titles in 13, three in the last four under English boss Bob Houghton. Did the double in 1974 and 1975. Once took Bayern Munich, at their best, to a penalty contest. Had eight men in Argentina World Cup squad, including veteran midfielder Bo Larsson and centre forward Thomas Sjoeberg who now appears bound for Saudi Arabia. For foreign fans they feature the massive complication of one other player named Larsson (Tommy) as well as three (!) Anderssons — Roland, Roy and Magnus.

Cup-winners' Cup: KALMAR FF. 1 cup.

UEFA Cup: ELFSBORG. 4 lge.

NORRKOPING. 11 lge (eq. rcd), 3 cup. Founded on May 29, 1897, their list of past players reads like a Who's Who of Swedish football. Gunnar Nordahl, Nils Liedholm, Bengt Gustavsson, Knut Nordahl, Bengt Nyholm, Harry Bild, right through to Bjorn Nordqvist, now holder of a world record 112 international appearances. (He now plays for IFK Gothenburg, now of course). Yet despite all these past glories, Norrkoping had no-one in Argentina, and only three men in the squad of 40 — Leif Andersson, Eine Frederiksson, and Par-Olaf Ohlsson.

SWITZERLAND

Champions' Cup: GRASSHOPPERS. 17 lge, 13 cup. Both record totals. Founded 1886, the second oldest club in Switzerland, by English students. Provide facilities for nine separate sports. Reached UEFA Cup semi-finals last season. Best forward Italian-born Raimondo Ponte, 23. Eintract Frankfurt were interested in signing them, then preferred to take forward partner Rüdi Elsener, instead. Another international forward, Claudio Sulser, once scored a league hat-trick in four minutes.

Cup-winners' Cup: SERVETTE. 13 lge, 4 cup. Won the cup in a replay but, like Grasshoppers, have lost one of their regular forwards in ex-England man Martin Chivers, who has returned home, to play for Norwich.

UEFA Cup: FC BASEL. 7 lge, 5 cup. Basel have a reputation for keeping faith in their coaches and former West German international wing half, Helmut Benthaus hasn't let them down. Most of their titles have been won during his 13 years.

LAUSANNE. 7 lge, 6 cup. The summer transfer market appears to have upset Lausanne's chances of European progress. They've lost top scorer Künzli to San Diego, Traber to Grasshoppers and Gros to Xamax-Neuchatel.

TURKEY

Champions' Cup: FENERBAHCE. 8 lge (rd), 2 cup. Most popular club in Turkey, they play in the Kadi Koy stadium. Best player is midfielder Ali Cemil, who has played in more than 50 internationals. Best European season was 15 years ago when they reached the Cup-winners' Cup quarter finals.

Cup-winners' Cup: No entry from Turkey, since the winners of the Cup, Trabzonspor, are under a UEFA club competition ban.

UEFA Cup: GALATASARAY. 5 lge, 6 cup (rcd). Founded in 1905, Galatasaray took the amateur championship 10 times before turning professional. Outstanding past players include the goalkeeper Turgay and forward Lefter who were Turkey's best in the 1950s. Play in the Sami Yen stadium, which holds 40,000, and recent managers include Englishmen Malcolm Allison and Don Howe.

ADANASPOR.

WALES

Champions' Cup: No entry possible, since all senior Welsh clubs appear in the English League, and none even in the First Division.

Cup-winners' Cup: WREXHAM. 21 (Welsh) cup. The oldest club in Wales, founded in 1873, their Racecourse Ground has staged a number of internationals in recent seasons, with its 30,000 capacity. Earned promotion from the English Third Division last season under player-manager Arfon Griffiths. Many of their discoveries have gone on to greater things such as Joey Jones, who cost Liverpool £110,000 in 1975.

UEFA Cup: No entry possible.

WEST GERMANY

Champions' Cup: 1st FC KOLN. 3 Champ, 2 cup. Founded only after the war, and once hammered 8-1 in the Champions' Cup by Dundee, they won the cup and league double last season, beating Fortuna Dusseldorf in the cup final. Coach is ex-Borussia Mg and Barcelona boss Hennes Weisweiler, who, as a player, was once centre half with Koln. Despite the retirement a year ago of Wolfgang Overath, there remain many well-known players, including five who appeared in Argentina — defenders Harald Konopka and Herbert Zimmermann, midfielders Bernd Cullmann and Heinz Flohe, and spearhead Dieter Muller. It was Muller who scored an international debut hat-trick against Yugoslavia in the 1976 European championship semi-final. He was also joint top scorer in West Germany last season with 24 goals.

Cup-winners' Cup: FORTUNA DUSSELDORF. 1 championship — pre-war. Founded on May 6, 1895, play all games now in the Rheinstadion which was built for the 1974 World Cup. Beaten in the Cup Final by Koln, but qualify because Koln also won the league. Chose little-known Dieter Tippenhauer as coach after Dietrich Weise left for a job with the DFB. Captain is 28-year-old sweeper Gerd Zewe, who went to Argentina but didn't play. Forward Wolfgang Seel was the only other player to make even the original squad of 40.

UEFA Cup: BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH. 5 lge (including hat-trick 1975-77), 2 cup. Hardly need much introduction in. Founded in 1900, made an impression in the UEFA Cup (runners-up 1973, winners 1975) before reaching the Champions' Cup Final in 1977, when they lost to Liverpool 3-1 in Rome. Now an ageing team. Rainer Bonhof has left for Valencia. Jupp Heynckes has been promoted to assistant to coach Udo Lattek, and Berti Vogts says this will be his last season as a player. More than ever depend now on European Footballer of the Year, Allan Simonsen, from Denmark.

Petar Borota, of FC Partizan and Yugoslavia.

HERTHA BERLIN. 2 champ. Once kicked out of the Bundesliga in an illegal inducements scandal. Play in the old Olympic stadium. Coach is Kuno Klotzer, who steered Hamburg to the 1977 Cup-winners' Cup. Best known player is 31-year-old midfielder Erich Beer, Hertha's only man in Argentina.

VfB STUTTGART. 2 champ, 2 cup. Average attendances last season, their first back after promotion, were the best in West Germany, at 54,000. Several promising youngsters, including World Cup man, Hansi Muller. Karl-Heinz Forster, 20, is a sweeper of potential.

MSV DUISBURG. The goals of veteran Helmut Rahn took them to second place in the first year of the Budesliga in 1963-64, but they've never gone as high since. World Cup man was defender Bernard Dietz (NOT Bernhard), but he is now 30. Rudi Seliger is a useful right winger and Ronnie Worm a more than handy centre forward — as England's B and senior teams found out in successive nights earlier this year!

YUGOSLAVIA

Champions' Cup: PARTIZAN. 8 lge, 4 cup. Founded after the war and were league and cup winners in the first season of reorganised football, in 1947. Stefan Bobek, first as a player then as a coach, helped keep Partizan in the forefront of Yugoslav soccer, but it was under Abdullah Gegic that, in 1966, they became the first — and so far only — Iron Curtain team to reach the Champions' Cup Final. Goalkeeper Milutin Sokic, full back Fahrudin Jusufi, wing half Velibor Vasovic and striker Milan Galic all later moved to western clubs. The exodus still continues with, at the time of writing, international full back Marjan Golac all set to sign for English First Division club, Southampton, for £50,000.

Cup-winner' Cup: NOGOMETNI RIJEKA. 1 cup.

UEFA Cup: RED STAR. 12 lge, 9 cups. Both totals a record. One of Europe's established elite. It was Red Star whom Manchester United played before the Munich air crash. Stadium holds 100,000. Some doubt over whether they will be able to tempt Vladislav Bogicevic back from his Cosmos stint in the United States.

HAJDUK SPLIT. 8 lge, 5 cup. Bad omen for the new season when coach Tomislav Ivic, back from Ajax Amsterdam, was hurt in a car crash.

IS FILLOL BEST GOALK

by Keir Radnedge

A YEAR ago Ubaldo Matildo Fillol's chances of appearing in the World Cup Finals were virtually nil. Yet today he is being celebrated as the best goalkeeper in the game.

That's the sort of unexpected about-turn which football provides, but to become champion of the world with Argentina beating Holland 3-1 was an ambition which was once far too wild and far too crazy.

For Fillol's life and career have been a struggle. Now he's a smart, celebrated international superstar; but once he was a boy washing dishes in th back of a little restaurant to help his parents make ends meet, and dutifully having to ask permission when he wanted to go training.

It's a world away now for Fillol, born on July 21, 1950, the son of a father who ran a restaurant of his own and a mother who was a nurse.

Fillol, standing at ease amid one of the grand receptions for the World Cup-winners, could afford now to say: "It was beautiful, then, to be a kid." But he's an honest man, and he added: "It was hard, as well, though. I suppose nowadays I find it easy to be nostalgic."

Born in Monte, about 30 miles from Buenos Aires, one of the back-of-beyond townships which appear to offer their inhabitants nothing except the provocation to get away, Fillol's dream was always to be a footballer.

His schoolteacher remembers him for only two reasons. The first was that he possessed a remarkable memory, the second was that he seemed to spend most of his time playing football. And when he wasn't actually playing — sometimes as a forward, sometimes in goal — he was calling his friends to test his reflexes with balls of rags, or even corks from bottles from his father's restaurant.

Kitchen

Fillol was not cut out for the academic life. From nine to 13, besides attending school he also worked in the kitchen of the cafe owned by a friend of his father. All the odd jobs — Ubaldo did them; resting only on a Sunday afternoon, first to kick a can round the streets, then to play for the third team of the local Club San Miguel.

Again he was sometimes a forward, sometimes in goal. But it was in goal that he reached the first team and it was as a goalkeeper that he impressed a senior club from the fringes of Buenos Aires, Quilmes.

At first Fillol didn't want to join them. It would mean leaving home, going to live in lodgings with some of the other Quilmes youngsters, and it wasn't going to make him rich overnight. Quilmes would pay for his food and board, but as Fillol admitted: "There wasn't a peso spare at the end of the week."

A friend persuaded him and he started in the fifth team, but meanwhile decided to try to catch up belatedly on his education by taking evening classes. But training got in the way and Fillol couldn't keep the classes up. So he took up odd jobs — running a bread round, washing plates, cleaning cars — anything to earn a little money, most of which he sent home.

In the meantime he started to make a name for himself as a goalkeeper of potential.

His predecessor in the fifth team had been a veteran known as Pato Iglesias — Pato being a nickname, and meaning Duck. How he came by the nickname is now long since forgotten. But the supporters had become so used to calling their goalkeeper Duck, that when Fillol took over between the posts they merely transferred the title to him.

He has been 'Pato' Fillol ever since.

He didn't stay long in the fifth team — in fact he had his first division debut, thanks to the keen eye for young talent of coach Carmelo Faraone, when he was only 17. The win bonus for that first game was quickly spent — not in celebratory drinks or a night on the town, but on Fillol's first suit . . .

Fillol recalled: "I was there for three years. Then we went on a tour in Costa Rica. Faraone said I played well on tour but I didn't think any more about it until one night, just after we'd got back, the club president sent me a message asking me to call into the offices tomorrow because something important had arisen.

"I didn't have a clue what was going on. But I went along and found that Racing had made an offer for my transfer. I couldn't believe it — I thought I'd go out of my mind! Racing! Even going there to be a reserve would be like becoming a star."

Quilmes weren't keen to sell their best young player, but they had no money and no possibility of refusing. But for one reason or another Fillol's spell at Racing was to be only a brief one. The reason was tied in, no doubt with the fact that he had already begun his national service.

Even in the army his football ability worked to his advantage. He was still released at weekends to play for first Quilmes, then Racing, and once, when Quilmes were doing badly, a senior officer was rash enough to tell Fillol: "If Quilmes win this weekend you can have a week's extra holiday."

Fillol played like a demon, Quilmes won, and the officer kept his side of the bargain, too.

Impossible

Then came the move to Racing. But Fillol's stay was short because it was only on leaving the army that Fillol was able to buy his own home, bring his family to surround him again, and settle down.

Racing sold Fillol to River Plate, one of Argentina's two great clubs (Boca, of course, being the other) and he found himself landed with an almost impossible task: succeeding that great character, Amadeo Carrizo, who had been keeping goal for River for around 20 years.

Fillol took command quickly, and if it took the fans several seasons to warm to him, there's no doubting now how successfully he has filled the Carrizo gap.

In 1974 he was called into the World Cup squad for West Germany, but already ahead of him was Daniel Carnevali, and Fillol played only in the last meaningless game in the second round — a 1-1 draw with East Germany.

He was disappointed, a little tired with football, and that led to a row with Rafazel Aragon Cabrera, president of River Plate, when the club turned up in Spain two months later for the Trofeo Teresa Herrera tournament in Cerura.

Fillol asked to be rested and Cabrera stormed: "As long as I am president, this man will never again play for River Plate!"

Two weeks later, a refreshed Fillol was back between the posts ... but it wasn't his last upset. Not even a year later, when Cesar Menotti called Fillol into the national squad, the River Plate goalkeeper phoned Menotti to ask: "Do you want to put me into the team, or am I just going to be hanging around among the substitutes' again?"

This wasn't the reaction Menotti wanted to hear, so he replied that while Fillol's attitude remained thus, he wouldn't be bothering him again. And that was how the situation remained until last winter — after Fillol had been named Footballer of the Year for his fine form as River won the Metropolitano championship.

Returned

Menotti was happy with Boca's Hugo Gattis as his goalkeeper, and with Hector Baley and Ricardo La Volpe as reserves. But when Gatti complained that a knee injury was playing up and that he would have to miss much of the World Cup concentration and preparation to rest, Menotti decided to make his peace with Fillol.

Gatti went out, and Fillol happily returned to the squad even though Menotti this time made it very clear that: "We have three goalkeepers, and it's up to each of them to try to prove to me that he is the man for the job in the finals."

There was never much doubt that this would be Fillo.

He even accepted the three-month preparation and the monastic seclusion Menotti imposed, though it must have been particularly tough on him, since his wife Olga was expecting their first baby in April.

Olga herself accepted the situation stoically: "Footballers' wives have to learn to put up with these things. It's part of the sacrifice necessary to help his career. But he phoned me at least three times every day."

Even when the baby arrived, a daughter, sporting considerations were not forgotten. The baby was named Nadia. Fillol explained: "When the Montreal Olympics were on I said to my wife that if we had a baby girl we should call her Nadia — after the Rumanian gymnast, Nadia Comaneci!"

Menotti allowed Fillol a couple of days off to visit his wife and new baby, and then it was back to the discipline of the World Cup. In the early games Fillol appeared a little nervy — though since Argentina's defence was anything but water tight and everyone was keyed up to attack, his anxiety was understandable. Yet in

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the first match, against Hungary, it was because he couldn't hold a shot from Toth that Csapo put Argentina one down inside 10 minutes.

They went on to win 3-1 and then beat France 1-0, with Fillol making good stops from Michel and Lacombe, before the 1-0 defeat by Italy which sent Argentina into that dramatic Rosario grouping with Poland, Brazil and Peru.

And the first game of the second round, against Poland, turned Fillol into a national hero.

On the half-hour he intelligently foiled Boniek's bid to flip a header over him before, in th 39th minute, came the save that did so much to turn the game Argentina's way.

Mario Kempes had handled on the goal-line: it was a penalty, to be taken by Kazimierz Deyna in his 100th international. And Fillol saved!

He had to describe it a hundred times or more for the reporters later: "I just prepared for the kick in the same way as normal. Despite it being Deyna to take it, despite being in the middle of the World Cup, I thought the same thoughts as I always do: just prayed to God that if it was his will I might at least go in the right direction. Sometimes, you get a sixth sense before a kick, but even that can go wrong.

"I must admit, I should congratulate Rene Houseman. He said he thought Deyna would hit the kick to my left. On the other hand, Americo Gallego told me he thought I ought to go to my right.

Fine player

"I knew lots about Deyna —that he was a fine player, that he had a good shot, lots of experience. But I didn't know anything about the way he takes penalties. But deciding which way to go is the goalkeeper's responsibility — it's not for any of the other players.

"I just guessed. I dived to the left and I saved it, because he didn't shoot very hard. But it was luck, nothing more.

"Now Boniek's header was different. When I saw the centre coming in I knew I couldn't get back to my line in time and realised that he would try to push it over my head. So I was ready. It wasn't guesswork that time!"

Fillol was the hero again against Brazil, with intelligent saves from Roberto and Direeu when both were about to go clear. But he admitted to his surprise when, in the early stages of the crucial game with Peru, Munante clipped a shot beyond him and against the post!

"I suddenly thought it was going to be a lot more complicated to get the three-goal win we needed to reach the final than we had expected. Fortunately we got a couple of goals in the first half and that settled us.

"But I think we had been reasonably calm before the game anyway. Often it seems that the fans get much more nervous than the players. This team of ours had sufficient experience, even though none of us were veterans, to cope with that sort of pressure.

"Menotti had said all along he expected Brazil to beat Poland and that we would need to go all out for goals to go through. When we walked out before the game we were confident we'd do it."

And so to the final, with Holland. And once more a starring role was demanded, particularly in the first half with a sharp reflect save from Rep and then the stop with his foot to a shot from Rensenbrink as Fillol, desperately but cleverly, spread himself to cut down the shooting angle.

A 3-1 win. Argentina were champions of the World. Fillol could relax, even letting the humour through at last as the autograph hunters swarmed around later that night. He said to one of his team-mates: "Just check for me that President Cabrera isn't trying to slip in a contract for me to sign."

For Fillol had been in the middle of talks on new terms when the World Cup came along.

A £13,000 win bonus, a new car and plenty of other perks showered in. Also offers from foreign clubs. But Fillol was adamant that he didn't much fancy leaving River Plate.

"I'm happy here. I don't know if I could earn more in Europe, but I've no particular ambitions in that direction. I've received some big offers, but I've not thought much about them. I don't think I could be any happier than I am here and now. I like playing in the national team, an I couldn't do that if I were abroad.

"Also, I'd like my daughter to be brought up in Argentina."

Fillol, who had tipped an Argentina-Holland final all along, treats goalkeeping like an art.

"Just look at some of the best players. Zoff, in our game with Italy, for instance. I was so impressed with his sense of positioning. He never seemed to be caught unawares — whatever happened in later games. Then I watched Maier in West Germany's game with Italy and he looked just as good.

"Style! You can do what you want; have long hair or short; wear your shorts baggy if you like. Behave as if you're ice cool — or make as if you're half crazy. Whatever you like ... the only thing you can't do is make a mistake.

"It's similar to the way Oscar Bonavena described boxing. Everyone gives you plenty of advice, but when it comes to the fight you are out their on your own.

"When commentators on radio or television say a forward is 'on his own with only the goalkeeper to beat,' they're wrong. It's the goalkeeper who is on his own. He's the last wall, the last ditch, the man who stands between victory and defeat."

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WORD SOCCER's coverage of the 1978 World Cup Finals and the comments and views of our reporting team prompted a number of letters from readers. Were messrs Glanville, Radnedge, Vernon and Duclos unfair to Argentina? PAUL GARDNER, our man in New York, was also in Argentina for the finals and finds himself at odds with the rest of our World Cup team. His opinions are representative of many of our readers, though others echoed the conclusions of Glanville, Radnedge, Vernon and Duclos. In the interests of "fair play" World Soccer provides this platform for Paul Gardner to air his views.

READING the July issue of *World Soccer* has left me in a state of stupefied shock. Really, gentlemen! Rarely have I found myself in such deep disagreement with so many of my colleagues at the same time.

Reading the reports of Keir Radnedge, Brian Glanville, Andre Duclos and Leslie Vernon induced a feeling of *déjà* definitely not *vu* about various World Cup games.

Radnedge thinks the Dutch "manifestly deserved" to win the final and were "robbed" by the Argentines. Glanville implies that it was the referees who won Argentina's first two games for them. Vernon, who is Hungarian, is sure Hungary were diddled by the referee; Duclos, who is, I'm told, French, has no doubt that France were the victims of bad refereeing. And for good measure, Eric Batty thinks Mario Kempes is "just a hammer."

Where on earth does one begin amidst this welter of distortion and prejudice?

To show my hand: I have here, in front of me as I write, one of those marvels of modern science known (I think) as a video-cassette recorder. Along with it I have videotapes of the games between Argentina and Hungary, and Argentina and France. I have been looking at them for some time now — letting them play, stopping them, going back, re-looking (no slow-motion, I'm afraid). Some of the incidents I have viewed as many six times.

In some cases, I'm still not sure exactly what happened — the camera angle is wrong, or maybe the action is too distant. In others I am quite sure that I have the correct interpretation. I admit that following a soccer game via television is far from ideal; the biggest failing being the lack of *tactical* sense that the small screen can convey. But, the camera's concentration on the ball, if anything, exaggerates the effect of fouls.

The stopping of play after a foul is whistled, in particular, gives a rare chance to replay the incident, or a chance for the camera to zoom in. As most of my colleagues complaints seem to revolve around the idea that Argentina committed all manner of unpunished fouls, this is an important point.

The TV coverage was also rather wider-angled than one would have liked for clarity — so that, while this does give more chance to see plays developing, it often makes the recognition of players extremely difficult. In what follows, I have sometimes to mention only "a player" — but the *team* I can identify.

Let me start with Mr Vernon, who lists a whole catalogue of quite dreadful crimes committed by Argentina in the game against Hungary, all of them of course, either not seen or cynically ignored by referee Garrido. He talks of an "Argentinian elbow that nearly throttled fullback Torok." This must refer to an incident some 30 minutes into the first half: a *real* 50/50 ball, with Torok and an Argentine approaching at full speed from opposite directions, followed by the inevitable crunch as neither man gave an inch. An elbow? Impossible to say. Torok did not go down immediately, but stayed on his feet for about a minute.

If Mr Vernon is so interested in elbows, he might have mentioned the one that Nyilasi planted in Alonso's face in the second half; the TV close-up of Alonso showed the blood clearly running from his nose.

Mr Vernon again: "The clear penalty incident when Torocsik was tripped inside the box." This must, I think, refer to a flagrant trip some 20 minutes into the second half, that went unpunished by the referee. However, the Hungarian was *not* inside the box, rather about a yard outside it. And anyway, if we're getting at the referee, that particular play should never have occurred, because it was preceded by a clear foul by a Hungarian on Pasarella — a foul that was also not called.

Tainted

There is no end to Mr Vernon's determination to get things wrong. He feels that Argentina's winning goal was somehow tainted. "It looked like a foul on goalkeeper Gujdar," he says, and, perhaps not really satisfied that that is enough, adds that "some of the Hungarian players thought Bertoni, the scorer, was offside." I can assure Mr Vernon that Bertoni was *not* offside, was nowhere near offside — and I find it difficult to envisage anyone who would advance such a claim. As for the foul on the goalkeeper: I also happen to have here a recording of an Argentine radio commentary during the game. The commentator is calling for a penalty kick, not a foul on the goal-keeper, as Luque goes down. He is as wrong as Mr Vernon. The goal was perfectly legitimate.

However, Mr Vernon's *piece de resistance* is his contention that Nyilasi was cautioned for "a trifling offence." Nyilasi's foul (which sent Valencia crashing to the ground) was as thuggish a piece of soccer as one could wish to see. I await with interest and apprehension Mr Vernon's definition of a "serious offence.

Having accused Argentina of constant nastiness, Mr Vernon then closes his report on the game by saying that Hungary did not deserve to progress any further in the tournament. A trifling *non sequitur*. He then turns his attention to the Argentina vs France game and bemoans "that ridiculous penalty decision given against Tresor for falling down."

He has an ally here, of course, for the mysterious M. Duclos calls the penalty "fatuous".

This one I have looked at again and again. A marvellous ball from Kempes into the area put Luque one step ahead of the French defense; running towards the goal-line, to the left of the goal, Luque turned the ball, with his left foot, low across the goal-mouth. Or would have done, but for Marius Tresor. As Luque kicked, Tresor came in, falling and stretching. His tackle was too late to get the ball, but as he fell, the ball made solid contact with his right hand (which, quite naturally, he had lowered to break his fall) and rebounded over the goal-line, to the left of the goal.

Clearly, it *was* a hand ball. Equally clearly, it was *not*, could not have been, intentional. Yet it is far from unknown for glaring — unintentional — handballs to be called as fouls where they obviously help a player to control the ball, or clearly affect play. But for Tresor's hand, the ball would have gone across the French goalmouth. Houseman was waiting there.

I submit that referee Dubach's call was neither ridiculous nor fatuous. Controversial certainly. And made much more controversial by M Dubach's

Kempes scores Argentina's second goal against Holland in the 1978 World Cup Final.

Argentina credit e it is due

pilgrimage half way across the field to consult Werner Winsemann. Brian Glanville jokes about just what Dubach might have asked Winsemann. The truth is, in a way, even funnier (or even less funny, if you prefer.)

I happened to speak to Winsemann after the World Cup, when the "don't speak to the press" gag was off. Winsemann was feeling decidedly aggrieved. "Everyone thinks *I* gave that penalty" he complained. "I didn't. As soon as the ball went over the line, I ran around to take up my position on the goal-line for a corner kick. That's where I was, about 5 yards from the corner flag, when Dubach came over. Do you know what he asked me? He said, in German, *'Drinnen oder draussen?'* which means 'Inside or outside' What could I say to that? Obviously it was inside the area, why did he have to ask me that?"

Andre Duclos gets further steamed up about M. Dubach, demanding to know why France didn't get a penalty when Six was knocked down in the second half. Yes, I agree. That should have been a penalty. But there remains a question for M. Duclos. Why did he not see an equally clear incident some 30 minutes into the first half when Luque was spectacularly bowled over in the French area by Tresor ... for M. Dubach to give an indirect free kick, presumably for obstruction.

But M. Duclos evidently sees only French shirts: "There can scarcely be any doubt that we were the better team," he purrs. After rewatching that game twice in the last 24 hours, I can only say that he is talking nonsense. He forgets, I suppose, that Kempes hit the post twice in the first half? Probably he does, he seems blissfully unaware of anything that was done by Argentina, unless it can be attributed to biased refereeing.

Perhaps he should also be reminded that Argentina was forced to play the last ten minutes or so of that game with only ten men on the field, Luque having been injured by a heavy, body-blocking tackle (an injury that was to keep Luque out of Argentina's next two games).

This was a close, tense match — for me one of the best, one of the most exciting of the tournament. To make out, as M. Duclos tries to do, that France were manifestly cheated by the result, is absurd.

And so to Brian Glanville, who echoes in English accents the Gallic moans of M. Duclos. He talks of 'gifts and concessions' to the Argentines, condemns the referees of both the Argentina vs France and the Argentina vs Hungary games as "disgracefully inadequate."

His approach to the Hungarians is baffling. Already, after their appearance at Wembley, he had condemned them as a dirty, kicking crowd. He had, in fact, written a piece in *Corriere della Sport*, warning the Italians about the rough Hungarians. Yet he cannot, it seems, bring himself to admit that it was the Hungarians who were responsible for most of the rough stuff in their game against the Argentines.

In a splendid example of trying to get it both ways, he admits that the Hungarians were even rougher than they were at Wembley, then says that between them and the Argentines and the Hungarians it was "six of one and half a dozen of the other." And then gas on to detail exactly how the Argentines more or less forced Torocsik to lose his temper: "The Argentines, holding on to their narrow lead, began obstructing and otherwise fouling the Hungarians in the manner common to their kind. In particular, it became almost impossible for Andres Torocsik to play. ... the little blond centre-forward, beautifully balanced and adroit, took on two or even three Argentinians, almost always to be fouled and cynically stopped by the last."

Well, Argentina attained their slim lead at the 84th minute, on the famous goal that Mr Vernon thought should have been disallowed. So Mr Glanville is talking about six or seven minutes of play here. These few minutes I have watched repeatedly on the videotape. There were seven fouls called by the referee in that period, all of them against Hungary, including the two red cards.

Suffered

The first of these was, oddly, Torocsik's, who went off only two minutes after the goal was scored.

Taking Mr Glanville literally, we are asked to believe that poor Torocsik suffered all his maltreatment in those two minutes. Not that it makes that much difference. A study of the whole game simply does not bear our Mr Glanville's contention. Certainly, Torocsik came in for his share of fouling, but he was no angel himself. Mr Glanville implicitly admits that when he says that giving him the yellow card for bouncing the ball away was like jailing a *mafioso* chief for income tax invation. The point being that everyone knows that *mafiosi* are guilty of much worse things than income tax crimes.

I admit, again, that videotape is not the ideal way to watch a game. (Anyway, what *is* the ideal way?). But for spotting the sort of things that Mr. Glanville is complaining about, which are crimes committed on the ball, against a player who is dribbling, it is reasonably reliable — especially where one can go back and take another look.

Having viewed this game carefully, looking for the things Mr Glanville deplores, I can only say that it is my opinion that the Hungarians were almost solely responsible for the rough stuff, almost to the point where they appeared to be trying to provoke the Argentines.

But the largest and meatiest bone that I have to pick with Mr. Glanville is over the matter of "the crowd." The referees, he asserts, were conditioned and intimidated by "the behaviour of the crowd" at River Plate Stadium. Not just the crowd, but "the behaviour" of the crowd.

What was this "behaviour"? Why was it so intimidating? Frankly, I'm at a complete loss here. I have no idea what Mr Glanville is talking about. The stadium was, of course, packed. Nothing wrong with that, I suppose. And the fans were 90 per cent pro-Argentine, as was to be expected. And they made a lot of noise, and cheered their team, and chanted and sang songs, and waved flags. They also threw streamers and confetti. They did not throw bottles or cans or coins, nor did I hear any fireworks. This was, in fact, a model crowd. By the standards — admittedly rather low — that we are coming to expect from such crowds, it was impeccably behaved.

If this is what Mr Glanville means by intimidating, or Mr Vernon means by fanatical, then future world cup games had better be played before invited audiences of choirboys, or better still, *in camera*.

This tendency to taint every Argentine victory so fervently displayed by Messrs Duclos, Glanville and Vernon, is carried a stage further by Keir Radnedge with his assertion that Holland manifestly deserved to win the final. Really? My feeling about that game was that Argentina, deservedly, won the first half. Holland, deservedly, won the second. And Argentina, deservedly, won the overtime. Which adds up to a deserved win for Argentina.

But not for Mr Radnedge. Argentina won only because Holland failed to score when they should have done (no mention, naturally, of the clear chances that Argentina missed). As to the referee, whom Mr Radnedge indicts: Johan Cruyff, in New York recently for talks with Cosmos, was asked whether the referee hadn't favoured Argentina. His reply: "The referee of the final wasn't too good, but it's going too far to blame him completely."

Anyone relying on the July *World Soccer*, and the Duclos-Venon-Glanville-Radnedge version of events must be left with the clearest of impressions that Argentina kicked, finagled, intimidated and possibly even bribed their way to the title. A hideous distortion. Argentina won because, throughout the tournament they were the most consistent team. Much more significantly — and why, for heaven's sake why, is not much more made of this? — they were the only team that played consistently attacking soccer.

The BRIAN GLANVILLE column

WHEN the Football League clubs, last June, removed the ban on signing foreign players as (immediate) professionals, it was scarcely likely that the floodgates would open. Nevertheless, it seemed to me an intelligent, progressive move, given what is happening and likely to happen in the football world today. The arrival of Ardiles, Villa and Sabella from Argentina represented the immediate fruits; surprising ones, at that. For if, as we shall see, foreign players are nothing new in Britain, they have tended to come from Nordic rather than from Latin countries.

Given the fact that, of all foreign countries, Denmark was quickest to master the new game of soccer, it was perhaps inevitable that Denmark should provide the first foreigners to play in the English and Scottish League. Rangers, indeed, had a talented and popular Danish player in their attack even before the first World War, a precursor of such as Kaj Johansen, the right-back who would score the only goal of a Cup Final in the 1960s against Celtic, sending the Rangers fans into happy choruses of, "Singing Kaj-yi-yippee-yippee-ai."

Soon after the Great War, Chelsea acquired a Danish skipper in the tall, lean Nils Middelboe. Nils and his brother had played in the Danish half-back-line in those fine Olmypic teams which twice lost the Final to the United Kingdom. A left-half and, of course, an amateur — until last June, any foreign player had to serve two years on amateur forms before he could turn pro — Middelboe became captain of the London team. I used to meet him occasionally in the early 1950s when he came to London, and to Stamford Bridge. He had two favourite stories, one, to illustrate the dedication of the British professional, concerned a game played by Chelsea in dreadful, rainy conditions; I believe at Bolton. Chelsea had a man sent off, but fought on to win the game.

The other story concerned a game at Stamford Bridge against Preston North End. Middelboe captained Chelsea, Joe McCall, then the captain of England skippered Preston. Middelboe won the toss and, since there was nothing in the atmospheric conditions at all to give advantage, elected to kick-off. The referee and McCall both insisted that it was against the rules to do so; he must choose an end. Middelboe argued, but eventually had to give way. He was, of course, quite right. Ironically, the foreigner knew more about the rules of football than a referee and the captain of the country which had invented them!

Some 25 years later, Chelsea had another foreigner in their team; again, of course, playing as an amateur. This time he was a huge, blond left-back called Willi Steffen, a Swiss international spending a few months in England during the first full post-war season, 1946/7. Steffen in his own country played as a stopper in the international team, but it was as left-back that he played for Chelsea; with such massive and dominating success that he was chosen that May to play there at Hampden Park for the Rest of Europe against Great Britain. There, however, he found himself somewhat out of his depth, for his direct opponent was Stanley Matthews, then a 32 year old, at the peak of his form. Steffen was physically not really well adapted for the wing back position, and Matthews' feints, swerves and changes of pace gave him a fearful afternoon. Nevertheless, he is warmly remembered by older Chelsea fans. He did their club good service.

About the same time, Karl Aage Hansen was playing at inside-right for Huddersfield Town, then a First Division club, forming a distinguished pair of inside-forwards with the great, red headed Irishman, Peter Doherty. A member of the splendid Danish team which beat Great Britain to take third place in the Olympic Games tournament of 1948, Hansen subsequently spent some time in Yorkshire, before going to Italy, where he signed for Atalanta of Bergamo. After that, as some may remember, he went to Juventus, linking up with two other famous members of that Danish attack in tall John Hansen, no relation, and Carl Praxest.

Meanwhile, Vigo Jensen was doing great things for Hull City. Jensen found his way to Yorkshire, too, where he signed as an amateur for Hull. Strangely enough, given the fact that Raich Carter and Peter Doherty had previously and briefly formed a celebrated inside-forward partnership for Derby County, winning the 1946 F.A. Cup Final against Charlton Athletic, Jensen found himself playing inside-forward successfully with Raich Carter.

Between them, they enabled Hull City to emerge from the Third Division (North) and establish themselves comfortably in the Second Division. Jensen, however, did not go back to Europe; he stayed on with Hull, saw out his two years, signed as a full professional, and dropped eventually to right-back, a loyal and effective member of the team.

More spectacular, though briefer, was the career of Hans (Hasse) Jeppson, Swedish -international centre-forward, star of the Sao Paolo game in which Sweden beat Italy 3-2 to eliminate them from the 1950 World Cup. Jeppson, of whom nobody knew much then, completely mastered the 1947 Rest of Europe centre-half, Carlo Parola, scoring a couple of goals.

Again, Atalanta were first off the mark. They signed him, but not before, midway through season 1950/51, he had spent a few months in London, studying the manufacture of office furniture, and dashingly leading the attack of Charlton Athletic. At Highbury, he scored no fewer than three goals, early in 1951, in a 5-2 win against Arsenal, to be presented with the ball by the Arsenal manager, Tom Whittaker.

Arsenal's debutant goalkeeper that day was none other than Jack Kelsey, who of course would later become a World Cup hero himself, defying Pele and the Brazilians in 1958 in Gothenburg. Jeppson was a lean, fair haired, vigorous centre-forward, who did not spend very long with Atalanta.

After a season, he joined Naples, with whom he stayed for many years, an enormous favourite in that pulsating city. He married the daughter of a rich businessman, played tennis with some distinction as well as football, and remained in Italy even after he had finished playing.

Foreign goalkeepers were coveted from time to time by British clubs. Among them many Swedes and Danes who figured in Scottish League football during the 1960s was Sorensen, one of various Danes brought over shrewdly by Morton, whom then found his way to Rangers. Arsenal, in the early 1930s, sometimes had in their goal Gerry Keizer, a Dutchman, daring on the field, a reckless driver off it, while their celebrated manager Herbert Chapman tried very hard to sign the Viennese baker, Austria's spectacular Rudi Hiden, but failed thanks to the labour regulations.

So it was not till after World War Two that a foreign goalkeeper really became a major figure in our football and that, of course, was Bert Trautmann of Manchester City. A former German paratrooper who served in Russia, Trautmann came to England as a prisoner of war, began to play non-League football for St. Helens, was spotted by nearby City, and signed by them despite the bitter protests of Jewish ex-Servicemen.

Trautmann, huge, blond, fearless, astonishingly agile for his size, in time became as great an idol at Maine Road as his predecessor Frank Swift had been. Indeed, it is hard to decide who was the finer goalkeeper. If Frank Swift fainted at the end of City's winning Cup Final of 1934, then Trautmann broke his neck when he helped them win the Cup against Birmingham City, 22 years later; and played on. He was surely the finest German goalkeeper never to be capped for his country, though he did once have a game for the Football League against the Italian League.

Book Reviews

FEW players have enjoyed, if that is the word, the sort of "love-hate relationship that has existed between Alan Ball and English crowds during this former England captain's long and distinguished career.

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KOVACS IS NEW TEAM MANAGER OF HUNGARY

by Leslie Vernon

"I Must confess that I an not confident — the Mundial crap game is played with loaded dice. What's laughingly called 'the draw' was the first unfair twist of fate, there are many more hidden handicaps waiting for the sporting, trusting Hungarians in Argentina."

I wrote this in 'World Soccer' last May, and sadly the forboding turned out to be prophetic. There is no point in dwelling on the many misfortunes that befell the Magyars, enough to say that it is a great pity that Lajos Baroti should have been forced to leave the international arena on such a sour note.

I would not go any further than that. I wouldn't label his '78 campaign a 'tragedy', because I am sure that Baroti's overall record will survive the last false notes. He would have vacated his post in any case, and the job went to Ferenc Kovacs as was anticipated. Kovacs, 44, an ex-MTK player, Videoton and Vasas manager, was groomed for the task as Baroti's assistant during the World Cup qualifying tournament and was in Argentina with the team.

He said: "I am very pleased with the appointment, although it will be a difficult year for Hungarian football. My immediate task is to raise the morale of the squad, and to prepare the players for the forthcoming European Championships. We shall spend a week together after the UEFA Cup games on September 13, and play Finland in Helsinki on September 20. I will also concentrate on the 'B' team and Under-21 squad, because 'continuity' is vital on international level."

It will be truly hard for Kovacs to select a really effective side, because neither Nyilasi nor Toroesik will be available to him. These two players have been barred for one year each from appearing in the national jersey on account of the 'misbehaviour in Argentina'. I have no inside knowledge of the background to this astonishing decision, but on the face of it, the 'hideous crimes' by these very talented young players were committed on the field of play in the game against Argentina.

Not to mention 'provocation' once again, being sent-off is bad, vary bad, but there in no percentage in further punishment, especially not if it is a self-inflicted wound which might be fatal for the national team itself!

Forgiven

These sentences are usually halved in Hungary, and my guess is that both 'Toro' and 'Tibi' Nyilasi will be forgiven around Christmas time. But Santa Claus will arrive too late to save Hungary from European Championship elimination by the Russians who are waiting to avenge their World Cup defeat.

The first clash between Hungary and the USSR is scheduled for October 11, two weeks later, Kovac's team go to Athens to play Greece in the same competition. There will also be a friendly at Frankfurt against W. Germany on November 15 to complete Hungary's international fixtures for 1978.

The League starts on August 26, and the last round is scheduled for December 20.

Vasas Izzo from Budapest and Salgotarjun are the newcomers to Division One, taking the places of yo-yo team Szeged and Kaposvar. The perpetually re-fashioned Div. 2 now has three sections, geographically dividing 60 teams, with the three champions assured of places in the creme de la creme next season.

Two well-known managers have been allowed to try their luck abroad — Rudolf Illovsky is now with Admira in Vienna, and Jozsef Gelei is in Australia coaching the St. George Budapest team in Sydney. Kalman Meszoly has returned to his spiritual home, and has become the manager of Vasas. Mihaly Keszthelyi has also made a return journey back to Cspel. But the most interesting managerial appointment was that of Zoltan Friedmanszky, who is the new scapegoat, I beg your pardon, chief coach of Ferencvaros.

He was a surprise choice, because after Dalnoki's departure became inevitable, several better-known names were considered by the 'Fradi' hierarchy. One must remember that in Hungary, everything that happens concerning this very popular club is big news. Friedmanszky, who spent 20 years (!) as a teacher of physical education, coached for a while in Cuba, and at one time, was also the Youth coach — on a part-time basis — at his new club. Players Rab, Magyar, Eszterhazy and Kelemen have left to serve their compulsory military service, no newcomer was signed — so Ferencvaros cannot really look forward to a brilliant season.

Laszlo Nagy, Hungary's left-winger missed a vital chance against Argentina.

"Last year we sank into the mediocrity of a mid-table position", says Friedmanszky, "I can only promise that despite the missing players, we shall do better this term." Altogether, very few players have changed clubs, the most interesting move was Ferenc Bene's trip across Budapest from Dozsa to Volan.

The 34-years-old Bene's first international appearance was on October 14 1962 v Yugoslavia — a match which also marked the last game in goal for Gyula Grosics. Now, the legendary Grosics is the acting President of Volan, and 'Ferike' Bene is his trump-card in an attempt to win the championship and get promoted.

The balding central striker will stay for one season at Volan, and then there is a coaching job waiting for him a Dozsa, where he spent 17 years! Hungarian football needs a shot in the arm, re-habilitation, a chance to regain its self-respect. What better opportunity than to register a foursome of victories in the first round of the European competitions?

The draw has been kind to the Magyars — Dozsa will meet Brno of Czechoslowakia, the Cup Winners (not known at the time of writing) will face Kalmar of Sweden, MTK play Adanaspor in the UEFA Cup, and Honved are paired wit Politechnica Timoseura from Rumania in the same competition. Of course, if one of the UEFA Cup teams win the domestic Cup, they will play the Swedish team, and Videoton will take their place in the UEFA tournament.

It is all slightly confused and uncertain, but if four Hungarian top teams cannot take care of the likes of Brno, Kalmar etc., it is time to re-think once again the present strategy, and perhaps, dare I say it, introduce open professionalism.

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NEW ERA AT REAL MADRID

A NEW era has begun at Real Madrid with the election of Madrid businessman Luis De Carlos to succeed the late Santiago Bernabeu as president of the six-times European champions.

For not only has Bernabeu gone, but vice-president Raimundo Saporta is leaving, and so — probably — is club secretary Agustin Dominguez.

Saporta went out in a blaze of glory. First he masterminded the comparatively cool-tempered election then he travelled to Switzerland to rid the club of the remaining one-game ban hanging over the use of Chamartin for European competitioon

After Bernabeu's death Saporta said he wanted to enter into talks with the leading figures of the club to produce one name to go forward to the annual meeting. He wanted to avoid the slanging matches which have upset morale at other club.

However, when De Carlos emerged as the compromise candidate, several leading figures in the membership took umbrage and despite Saporta's pleas, stood for election. However none of the other four could raise the necessary number of supporters to pass scrutiny with the federation, so De Carlos's name eventually went unopposed to the annual meeting.

On the field, Luis Molowny continues as coach — against his will, both because he would prefer to be in the background with the youth teams, and because he feels uncertain about his future without Bernabeu to shield him.

Physical training man Srecko Radisic stays on too, for a fifth season since being brought to Spain by Miljan Miljanic.

But there is unrest among the fans at the comparative inactivity in the transfer market. The presidential upheaval, they fear, overshadowed the need to build up the champions' squad and De Carlos's first year in charge may not be one of the club's most successful.

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LUIS DE CARLOS

the new President of Real Madrid

Krankl signs for Barcelona

THE SIZE of Spain's World Cup failure was emphasised by the manner in which clubs preferred to raid the other finalists for new players rather than their own home squad.

Barcelona have paid £500,000 for Rapid Vienna's Hans Krankl and £250,000 for Argentina left back Alberto Tarantini. Valencia paid £450,000 to Borussia Moenchengladback for Rainer Bonhof as expected, and Sevilla paid £250,000 forArgentina's dangerous winger Daniel Bertoni, from Independiente.

Another foreigner to arrive is Yugoslav centre forward Miodrag Kustudic, who has joined Hercules of Alicante.

But all these signings have brought one problem or another. In Krankl's case, there was bad feeling between Barcelona and Valencia, who had reached agreement with Rapid Vienna but not the player. Then, when Barcelona secured the Austrian spearhead, they immediately faced a bid for a massive pay rise from stopper Migueli, who demanded parity with foreigners Krankl and Johan Neeskens.

Tarantini's signing was not straightforward either. The 22-year-old arrived from Buenos Aires with his new wife, a showbiz star, to talk originally to Zaragoza. Talks broke down, and Real Madrid moved in, but them uncomplimentary reports appeared in the Spanish newspapers.

Tarantini became a target, because of rumours, suspicions, allegations — call them what you will — that he had married his girl friend in secret in a hurry because she still held Spanish nationality, and that qualified him to play in Spain as an *oriundo*.

SPAIN'S UNION

SPAIN'S professional footballers are beginning to throw their weight about now that they have been allowed to form a union.

Prime target is national team boss Ladislao Kubala.

On returning from Argentina Kubala was subject to heavy criticism not only from Press and public, but from several of his players — including Real Madrid's Juanito, and Atletico Madrid's Eugenio Leal.

Unofficially there were suggestions in the Federacion Espanola de Futbol that Kubala should ban them from future internationals.

Now the union, the Asociacion Futbolistas de Espana, have warned that any moves against their members will force them to take strike action.

The Real Madrid team which won the 1977-78 Spanish Championship. Back row left to right: Miguel Angel, Sol, Genito, Stielike, San Jose, Pirri. Front: Juanito, Santillana, Wolf, Guerini, Jensen.

News from Spain by Keir Radnedge

Tarantini, with Boca Juniors until his contract expired in the spring after which he appeared in the World Cup under the aegis of the Argentine FA, bitterly accused the papers of killing his chances of joining Madrid ... then signed for Barcelona's new coach, Lucien Muller.

Tarantini's arrival provoked suggestions that Johan Neeskens might be on his way, particularly after the departures of Johan Cruyff and Rinus Michels. But this has been strongly denied by new CFB president Jose Luis Nunez. His concern is to strengthen the team without increasing the staggering £3 million debt which he discovered on taking over after the recent elections.

Envious

Barcelona also cast envious eyes on Daniel Solsona of neighbours Espanol, but negotiations broke down when Barcelona suggested taking Solsona for a trial period to test his fitness. Espanol president Manuel Meler angrily declared an end to any further transfer talk.

Meanwhile both clubs were interested in further Argentines. Espanol have signed Daniel Pavon from Boca Juniors, and Barcelona seemed likely to get central defender Mario Killer from Gijon. But in the end he went to Betis.

The Seville club were relegated last season and face the new term without Eduardo Anzarda, the one-time Real Madrid left-winger from Argentina, who has been suspended for nine months for his part in a controversial bid to fix the result of a vital game at the end of last season with Rayo Vallecano.

Anzarda is appealing, but before a decision he might return to South America. One man who has already returned across the Atlantic is Chilean striker Carlos Caszely, who has left Espanol after a controversial three-year stay in Spain to return to Colo-Colo.

Rumours

Despite rumours connecting several World Cup stars with Atletico Madrid, there has been little change in the squad at the Estadio Manzanares though Spain's midfielder Antonio Guzman has switched from Rayo along with Uruguayan coach Hector Nunez. Atletico's former boss, Luis Aragones, has moved upstairs into the general coaching team.

Rayo's new trainer is one-time Real Madrid defender Eduardo Gonzalez. The third Madrid club also have a new president in Francisco Encinas, who says he intends to maintain the excellent progress made last season. But last term Rayo were a surprise force. I fear that this season they may struggle.

Earlier I mentioned the arrival at Hercules of Kustudic. But he is not the only Yugoslav to make a bow in Spain. There's also Vujadin Boskov, the one-time Ado Den Haag and Feyenoord coach, who has taken over newly-promoted Zaragoza after missing out on the job of national coach.

Spanish Fixtures 78/79

(Date in brackets is the fixture reversal)

Sep 3 (Jan 28) — Gijon-At. Madrid, Celta-Espanol, Huelva-Zaragoza, Burgos-Real Sociedad, Bilbao-Rayo Vallecano, Las Palmas-Sevilla, Barcelona-Santander, Real Madrid-Valencia, Hercules-Salamanca.

Sep 10 (Feb 4) — At. Madrid-Hercules, Espanol-Gijon, Zaragoza-Celta, Real Sociedad-Huelva, Rayo-Burgos, Sevilla-Bilbao, Santander-Las Palmas, Valencia-Barcelona, Salamanca-Real Madrid.

Sep 17 (Feb 11) — At. Madrid-Espanol, Gijon-Zaragoza, Huelva-Rayo, Burgos-Sevilla, Bilbao-Santander, Las Palmas-Valencia, Barcelona-Salamanca, Hercules-Real Madrid, Celta-Real Sociedad.

Sep 24 (Feb 18) — Espanol-Hercules, Zaragoza-At. Madrid, Real Sociedad-Gijon, Rayo-Celta, Sevilla-Huelva, Santander-Burgos, Valencia-Bilbao, Salamanca-Las Palmas, Real Madrid-Barcelona.

Oct 8 (Feb 25) — Espanol-Zaragoza, At. Madrid-Real Sociedad, Gijon-Rayo, Celta-Sevilla, Huelva-Santander, Burgos-Valencia, Bilbao-Salamanca, Las Palmas-Real Madrid, Hercules-Barcelona

Oct 15 (Mar 4) — Zaragoza-Hercules, Real Sociedad-Espanol, Rayo-At. Madrid, Sevilla-Gijon, Santander-Celta, Valencia-Huelva, Salamanca-Burgos, Real Madrid-Bilbao, Barcelona-Las Palmas.

Oct 22 (Mar 11) Zaragoza-Real Sociedad, Espanol-Rayo, At. Madrid-Sevilla, Gijon-Santander, Celta-Valencia, Huelva-Salamanca, Burgos-Real Madrid, Bilbao-Barcelona, Hercules-Las Palmas.

Oct 29 (Mar 18) — Real Sociedad-Hercules, Rayo-Zaragoza, Sevilla-Espanol, Santander-At. Madrid, Valencia-Gijon, Salamanca-Celta, Real Madrid-Huelva, Barcelona-Burgos, Las Palmas-Bilbao.

Nov 5 (Mar 25) — Real Sociedad-Rayo, Zaragoza-Sevilla, Espanol-Santander, At. Madrid-Valencia, Gijon-Salamanca, Celta-Real Madrid, Huelva-Real Madrid, Burgos-Las Palmas, Hercules-Bilbao.

Nov 19 (Apr 8) — Rayo-Hercules, Sevilla-Real Sociedad, Santander-Zaragoza, Valencia-Espanol, Salamana-At.Madrid, Real Madrid-Gijon, Barcelona-Celta, Las Palmas-Huelva, Bilbao-Burgos.

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Dec 31 (May 6) — Santander-Hercules, Valancia.-Sevilla, Salamanca-Rayo, Real Madrid-Real Sociedad, Barcelona-Zaragoza, Las Palmas-Espanol, Bilbao-At. Madrid, Burgos-Sporting, Huelva-Celta.

Jan 7 (May 13) — Santander-Valencia, Sevilla-Salamanca, Rayo-Real Madrid, Real Sociedad-Barcelona, Zaragoza-Las Palmas, Espanol-Bilbao, At. Madrid-Burgos, Gijon-Huelva, Hercules-Celta.

Jan 14 (May 20) — Hercules-Valencia, Salamanca-Santander, Real Madrid-Sevilla, Barcelona-Rayo, Las Palmas-Real Sociedad, Bilbao-Zaragoza, Burgos-Espanol, Huelva-At. Madrid, Celta-Gijon.

Jan 21 (May 27) — Valencia-Salamanca, Santander-Real Madrid, Sevilla-Barcelona, Rayo-Las Palmas, Real Sociedad-Bilbao, Zaragoza-Burgos, Espanol-Huelva, At. Madrid-Celta, Gijon-Hercules.

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River Plate search for Libertadores Cup success

from ERIC WEIL in Buenos Aires

RIVER Plate is the club which has won most Argentine first division titles — fourteen (followed by their eternal rivals Boca Juniors with 11) — in 47 championships since professional soccer started here. In fact, except for Peñarol and Nacional, whose dominance of Uruguayan soccer is almost absolute, the Argentine club is the most prolific title winner in South America.

Apart from their 14 first division titles, they have also won the eleven-year-old national championship once when they became the second club to complete the "double" (first division and national championship) in 1975. They have also been runners-up thirteen times in the first division and five times in the national championship — also more than any other club — so that if one adds up total points obtained by all clubs since pro soccer started here in 1931, River Plate are easily tops.

But the big honour has continually escaped them.

They have never won the Libertadores Cup for the South American club champions and it has now become something of an obsession with them — so much so that this year, in spite of being first division champions and well placed to retain the title, they are playing a reserve team in league games while the first team is engaged in the Cup.

In spite of their being the most champion team of the lot, River Plate went without a title for a period of 18 years — between 1957 and 1975 — but they have played in the Libertadores Cup six times, sometimes as their country's vice-champions. They have, however, only reached the final twice and on each occasion it was touch and go as it went to a third playoff game after home and away legs had been shared.

In 1966, facing Uruguay's Peñarol, River Plate led 2-0 at half time in the playoff, but eventually lost 4-2 after extra time. River Plate lined up two former Peñarol players, Uruguayan winger Cubilla and half Matosas, in that game. They put up a poor show and were accused of throwing the game.

River Plate had to wait another 10 years before they reached the final again in 1976 — this time against Brazil's Cruzeiro and it was even closer as Jairzinho only scored the winner in Cruzeiro's 3-2 playoff victory two minutes from the end.

River Plate — all sports club like all professional soccer clubs here and called "Los Millionarios" (the millionaires) because they are reckoned to be the richest — also have the biggest and best stadium in Argentina. It was inaugurated in 1938 and has always been the best, having been used for most international matches since, but after the Argentine World Cup organising committee (EAM 78) finished re-modelling it for this year's World Cup final (to hold 80,000 spectators), it must rank among the best socce stadiums in the world.

The River Plate club was born exactly 81 years after the Argentine nation — on May 25, 1901 — when, on a public holiday to commemorate the national event, players of two teams of the same Boca port district of Buenos Aires (Santa Rosa and Rosales) met behind Wilson's coalyard in the port for a game. But then they had another idea and an illusion — to join up and form a strong soccer club.

While it was decided to give it the English name of River Plate, its only other connection with Englishmen — who had originally brought the game out to this country and founded numerous sports clubs — was that the above mentioned inaugural meeting was held behind the home of Wilson's administrator, Albert Jacobs. The club's first president and team captain was Leopoldo Bard.

The new club continued to practice behind the coal yards and the firm's night watchman allowed the players to use his chicken hut to change in until Bard obtained the lease of some fiscal land nearby. The team started playing in white shirts, but as this clashed with so many other teams, they hung a red ribbon over their shoulder and these are still the club's colours today.

River Plate joined the Argentine FA in 1905 and played in the third division, but in 1908 they already won

River Plates' coach Angel Labruna who started playing soccer with the club and was a member of their famous forward line of the 40's and early 50's which became known as "La Maquina" ... the machine.

Marchetti, generally World Cup centre forward Luque's understudy, but a frequent first teamer and prolific scorer, nets in a First Division match.

promotion to the first division and finished runners-up to Alumni the following year. But in spite of this rapid rise they had to be content with only one title during the era of amateur soccer.

After several moves — theywere first forced to leave the government owned land and later, when allowed to return, had their installations destroyed by a hurricane, they were able to build their own stadium in the centre of the Boca district which was then (in 1915) considered to be the best in Buenos Aires. In 1923 however, when rivalry with the district's other strong team, Boca Juniors, was already great, it was decided to move the club to the northern part of the city to its present location, but still (honouring its name) on the banks of the River Plate.

In 1931 River Plate was one of the clubs which broke away to form a professional league and almost immediately they started buying some of the top stars available, such as Cuello, Santamaria, Arrillaga, Sciarra and Bernabé Ferreyra whose hard goal scoring shots helped them to win the 1932 championship.

This spending spree earned them the name of "Los Millionarios" and shot them to popularity. Later, however, they depended more on home-grown players, drawn by the magic of "Los Millionarios" and during the 1941-7 period, Argentina's most famous club forward line of Muñoz, Moreno, Pedernera, Labruna and Loustau (or Deambrosi), who had all started as youngsters with the club, helped them to five titles. In the 1960's, still relying more on attack, now with Varnazza, Prado, Walter Gomez, Labruna and Loustau, they continued their series of championship successes.

But River Plate never really adapted themselves to the more defensive minded modern styles and their last title (for 18 years) came in 1967, although in 1967 they had as many as nine players in the national team squad. The club then had a notable, but inexplicable series of second places — eight in 11 seasons — while in 1968 and 1970 they actually shared top place on points, but lost the title on goal average.

Evicted

The legend goes that a gipsy, on being evicted from the club's land, put a curse on it — but they finally broke it in 1975 to win that elusive thirteenth title ... not without a scare however. River Plate were topping the table when professional players went on strike. Coach Laruna, the same who had played in that famous forward line, had to field teenage amateurs from the club's third and fourth teams and they just managed it, prompting my headline at the time: 'Eighteen years trying to buy a title (referring to their often big spending) and then a bunch of kids win it".

Among the many star players which have passed through the ranks of the club, apart from those mentioned, are goalkeeper Amadeo Carrizo, Nestor Rossi, Yacono, Alfredo Perez, Alfredo Di Stefano, Omar Sivori, Minella, Manuel Ferreira, Cubilla, Matosas, Artime, Emmido and Daniel Onega, Oscar Mas and Perfumo and in this year's Argentine World Cup winning squad they had five (more than any other club) * — goalkeeper Fillol, Defender Passarella (The club's and national team's captain), half Alonso and forwards Luque and Ortiz.

But River Plate, still the biggest spenders and with an 80,000 membership making them the biggest sports club in the country — are still looking for bigger things.

Once again they are in the Libertadores Cup with a good chance of winning their first round group at press time. Under Labruna, they continue to be one of the few clubs favouring all out attack and the coach says while he wants halves and wing markers such as Passarella, a leading scorer, to move up as much as possible, he is never keen on forwards dropping back to look for the ball.

Now the club is trying to form two "first teams" — one to play in the league and another to play in cup competitions and on tours to earn much needed dollars to continue to be able buy the best players available when required.

Argentine First Division titles (14): 1932, 1936, 1937, 1941, 1942, 1945, 1947, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1975, 1977. Argentine national title (1): 1975.

Thomas and the art of refereeing

by Ken Goldman

THERE appears to be an interesting discrepancy between those who watched the World Cup "live" in Argentina and those who saw it on television, in regard to the standard of refereeing in the Competition.

In the July Edition of *World Soccer*, both Brian Glanville and Keir Radnedge were highly critical of the standard and Brian reiterated the position more fully in the August edition.

Most of the T.V. panelists however, with exceptions in certain games conversely felt that the standard was high. There were of course strange political decisions off the field, which affected Referees, notably the failure of Mr Klein from a "neutral" continent to get the final, which went instead to Mr Sergio Gonella of Italy, supported by an Austrian Linesman Mr Erich Linemayr both of whose countries had been eliminated by finalists Holland in the closing stages.

Most Judges and Critics who are either knowledgeable or not, about the laws of the game and the practical way to referee, agree that the standard of refereeing in the final match by Mr Gonella was deplorable.

However, I cannot go along with Leslie Vernon's support of Laurie McMenemy's television comment to Jack Taylor referred to in the July edition of World Soccer. As you will recollect it went like this:

Taylor — "the Referee made a mistake, but his overall control was good."

McMenemy — "you mean he is like a good driver who occasionally hits people."

Anyone who has ever refereed over a period of time will know that it is impossible to be right all the time, so even if you do have a good match, you will still make mistakes during the game.

Your control may therefore be good, but your reading of one or two incidents will still be bad; but this will not detract from your overall performance. One should point out to Mr McMenemy that he has no doubt praised a forward for good work, even though he has failed to score and missed half a dozen "sitters" or lauded a Defender for a top class performance, even though he has scored an own goal. Neither performance makes the player a metaphorical "dangerous driver."

Jack Taylor's position on the B.B.C. panel was very intriguing. A man of great experience, wit and knowledge (he is a J.P. as well as a Master Butcher) he was heavily restricted by Jimmy Hill to giving his view solely on refereeing and as such had the unenviable task of justifying his existence.

He could not over-praise because that is often regarded as bad television and he could not in all honesty knowing the job of refereeing, be over-critical. In the former case, he would have had the untenable position as against the rest of the panel, perhaps with the exception of John Bond, and in the latter case, he would have been unable to face his more junior colleagues at the numerous referees associations to whom he lectures.

There are three further tests which are, to run 400 metres on the track in 75 seconds; to perform 50 metre sprint on the track in 8 seconds and to do four times 10 metres shuttle runs in 11.5 seconds. It is to be therefore hoped that one of the great complaints of the Professional Footballer and even the Amateur that the Referee is not fit enough to keep up, will this season certainly in the Football League, be no longer applicable.

Two books that will give the uninitiated into refereeing a greater insight into the arts and crafts of the job and fitness for that purpose are "Soccer Referee — A Guide to Fitness and Techniques" by Clive Thomas and Tom Hudson published by Duckworth, price £1.95 paperback and "Association Football Match Control" by Stanley Lover, published by Pelham Books Limited, price £6.95 hardback.

In the former Britain's (probably the world's) best Referee expounds on fitness for

Sprint

All in all, as the man walking a television tightrope, I thought that he, like most of the referees in Argentina did the job rather well.

It is however, interesting to note on the domestic scene this season that for the first time, one thinks it should have come sooner, that Referees will have to undergo a fitness test. The test in use by F.I.F.A. for sometime is generally known as the "Cooper" test and usually consists of a number of metres run over level ground for the duration of 12 minutes with the style of running optional. This is graded into two sets of age groups, 25 to 39 years with the expectation of 2,300 metres being run and the over forty year group when 2,000 metres are the expected norm.

The conditions laid down in the Cooper test have apparently been carefully worked out by F.I.F.A. in close co-operation with the Referees Committee and Medical Committee of the World Organization. As against the numbers of metres run in the 12 minutes, there is a standard laid down by F.I.F.A. which consists of excellent; in condition; poor, and very poor.

Clive Thomas

refereeing in a way which I have never seen done so thoroughly in book form before in this country. Thomas has worked under the aegis of Tom Hudson Director of Sport and P.E. at Bath University and together they take the referee through the full range of pre-season work-outs; circuit training; mobility exercises; all forms of running, diet and pre-match warm-ups. Hudson sets out his own form of "Cooper test" and there are suggestions for further fitness programmes. In addition, Thomas gives his views on relationships with players and spectators and deals at length with techniques of refereeing, including co-operation with linesmen. All in all, a first rate handy guide to the Referees arts and crafts.

Stanley Lover, who is both an F.A. and F.I.F.A. Lecturer on refereeing has written just about the best documented book on refereeing I have ever seen and it promises to be the authoritative bible on the subject for many years to come.

It runs to 240 pages and deals with such subjects as match problems; match analysis and assessment of Referees; the tactics employed by teams and players and how the Referee needs to sometimes combat these, especially referred to in the chapter on gamesmanship.

He goes on to explain how to read a game; where to take up positions; communication with players, linesmen and spectators; how to deal with specific tricky situations and how and when to punish players. No Referee, learner or experienced should be without this book and it would be helpful for players and spectators to also get hold of a copy.

FIVE FOR FRANCIS

from Colin Jose

BIRMINGHAM CITY and England star Trevor Francis scored five goals in one game for his U.S. club the Detroit Express on July 12 tying the North American Soccer League record held by four other players. Three days earlier Charlton Athletic striker Mike Flanagan performed the same feat for the New England Tea Men, joining Steve David (Miami Toros), Ron Moore (Chicago Sting) and Giorgio Chinaglia (New York Cosmos) who had notched five goals in one game in previous seasons.

The five goals from Francis came in a record breaking 10-0 Detroit win over a hapless San Jose team that owns the worst record in the league, and helped wrap up the Central Division championship in the American Conference for the Express in their first season. Since Francis joined Detroit in late May the team has won 10 of 14 games and has outscored the opposition 43-15.

Flanagan scored all his team's goals in a 5-2 win over the California surf, at that time putting him temporarily ahead of Giorgio Chinaglia of the New York Cosmos in the scoring race. Now with just over one week left in the regular season Flanagan has a total of 29 while Chinaglia has 30.

Chinaglia's 30th goal came as the Cosmos beat Toronto 3-1 at Giants Stadium and equalled the NASL record for most goals in one season set by John Kowalik (Chicago Mustangs) and Pepe Fernandez (San Jose Toros) set in 1968. Both Chinaglia and Flanagan should pass this mark before the regular season is over.

This has been a good season for goalscorers and goalscoring in the NASL with Flanagan also scoring four goals in one game against Chicago and Toronto's Ivan Lukacevic also getting four against the Memphis Rogues.

There have also been 15 hat tricks to date with Chinaglia getting two and the others coming from Arno Steffenhagen (Chicago), David Irving (Fort Lauderdale), Roman Rosul (Memphis), Jimmy Husband (Memphis), Alan Willey (Minnesota), Ron Futcher (Minnesota), Mike Flanagan (New England), Francisco Bolota (Rochester), Peter Anderson (San Diego), Rodney Marsh (Tampa Bay), Brian Budd, winner of the World Superstars (Toronto), Ray Treacy (Toronto) and Ivan Lukacevic (Toronto).

But the most remarkable hat trick of the season was Treacy's. An Irish international on loan to Toronto from Shamrock Rovers, Treacy has played for a number of English clubs over the years and achieved his greatest success with Charlton. With the Toronto Metros-Croatia this season he hasn't always been a starter and against the Oakland Stompers came on after 71 minutes had been played and scored three goals in eight minutes and 23 seconds just four seconds off the NASL record for the fastest hat trick held by Chinaglia.

Striker

Treacy's goals helped Toronto to defeat Oakland 8-2 and it was the fifth win in six games forth Metros-Croatia pushing them towards a play off spot that had seemed well out of their reach earlier in the season. Tall blond striker Ivan Lucacevi on loan from the little known Yugoslavian First Division club Osijek has played a leading role in Toronto's revival, but lacking top class midfield players since the loss of Manuel Velazquez (injured) and Vanco Balevski (who mysteriously disappeared at the time he was the club's top goalscorer) may prevent them going too far in the play offs.

The New York Cosmos remain the team to beat in the NASL having lost just five games all season while winning 22. Two of those defeats have come at the hands of Noel Cantwell's New England Tea Men who beat the Cosmos 1-0 in Foxboro, Massachusetts on Mike Flanagan's goal in overtime, And 3-1 at Giants Stadium thus snapping a run of 23 home games without defeat, for the New York team.

New England along with Portland, Detroit, Tulsa and Vancouver have been the surprise successes of the season and the championship of the Eastern Division of the American Conference seems to rest between them and the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Tampa, with Graham Paddon and Rodney Marsh playing key roles, have been improving as the season nears its end and may yet play a key role in the play offs.

Vancouver are close to joining New York, Detroit and San Diego as teams who have topped their divisions and thus gained a choice spot in the play offs. The Whitecaps have been in a season long battle with the Portland Timbers with Kevin Hector and goalkeeper Phil Parkes both playing exceptionally well.

Tulsa, a new team this season started with Bill Foulkes as coach, but despite a highly encouraging record Foulkes resigned recently citing a dispute with management as his reason. U.S. international Alex Skotarek took over as player coach and has kept the team rolling along and just ahead of second place Minnesota Kicks who have been suffering from inconsistency.

Chicago, after a disasterous start, have come back in recent weeks and now seem certain to claim second spot behind Detroit in their division. Playing key roles here have been Horst Blankenburg, Karl-Heinz Granitza, Arno Steffenhagen and Jorgen Kristensen while Canadian full back Bruce Wilson is the only player to have played in every game.

California and Oakland are fighting it out for second spot behind San Diego in the Western Divison of the American Conference.

Guide to the team lists

THE players listed are those who have played regularly for each club throughout the 1978 NASL season, or have been transferred during the season. The positions listed are only a general guide with the exceptions of the goalkeepers, and the country listed for each player is his nationality and not his place of birth. Where just a U.S. or Canadian city is named as a club this indicates the NASL club in that city.

TORONTO METROS-CROATIA

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Zeljko Bilecki	G	Canada	Toronto Croatia
Vasilios Konstandinou	G	Greece	Panathinaikos
Damir Sutevski	D	Y'slavia	Toronto Croatia
Filip Blankovic	D	Y'slavia	Dinamo Zagreb
Ivan Kocijancic	D	Y'slavia	Rijeka
Teddy Pelak	D	Canada	Wisla Krakow
Peter Roe	D	Canada	Toronto Italia
Stjepan Loparic	D	Y'slavia	Dinamo Zagreb
Manuel Velazquez	M	Spain	Real Madrid
Vanco Balevski	M	Y'slavia	Vardar Skopje, Karlsruhe
Ivan Poljak	M	Y'slavia	Dinamo Zagreb
Sead Susic	M	Y'slavia	Red Star
Paul Roe	F	Canada	Toronto Delta
Ivair Ferreira	F	Brazil	Fluminense
Vladimir Smolcic	F	Y'slavia	Hajduk Split, Osijek
Ray Treacy	F	Eire	Charlton, Shamrock Rovers
Marko Vujkovic	F	Y'slavia	Olimpija Ljubljana
Brian Budd	F	Canada	Vancouver, Colorado
Ivan Lukacevic	F	Y'slavia	Osijek
Kemal Hafizovic	F	Y'slavia	Celik Zenica

VANCOUVER WHITECAPS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Phil Parkes	G	England	Wolves
Bob Bolitho	D	Canada	
John Craven	D	England	Coventry, Plymouth
Sam Lenarduzzi	D	Canada	Vancouver Columbus
Steve Harrison	D	England	Blackpool
Peter Daniels	D	England	Derby County
Bobby Lenarduzzi	M	Canada	Reading
Jon Sammels	M	England	Arsenal, Leicester City
Steve Kember	M	England	Chelsea, Leicester City
Kevin Hector	F	England	Derby County
Alan Hinton	F	England	Derby County, Dallas
Buzz Parsons	F	Canada	Vancouver Italia
Derek Possee	F	England	Millwall, Crystal Palace
Bobby Campbell	F	N. Ireland	Huddersfield Town, Sheff Utd

TULSA ROUGHNECKS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Colin Boulton	G	England	Derby County, Southampton
Darryl Wallace	G	Canada	Simon Fraser University
Charlie Mitchell	D	U.S.A.	Rochester, Hawaii
Alex Skotarek	D	U.S.A.	Chicago Sting
Jim McKeown	D	U.S.A.	Rider College
Stojan Nikolic	D	Y'slavia	Radnicki
Radoslav Barisic	D	Y'slavia	
Dan O'Riordan	D	Eire	Derby County
Victor Moreland	D	N. Ireland	Glentoran, Luton Town
Brian Smith	M	England	
Jimmy Redfern	M	England	Chester, Bolton, Washington
Ninoslav Zec	M	Y'slavia	OFK Belgrade
Billy Caskey	M	N. Ireland	Glentoran
Bill Gazonas	F	U.S.A.	Hartwick College
Bill Sautter	F	U.S.A.	Temple University
Steve Earle	F	England	Leicester City, Fulham
Vukan Perovic	F	Y'slavia	

WASHINGTON DIPLOMATS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Bill Irwin	G	N. Ireland	Bangor, Cardiff City
Bob Stetler	G	U.S.A.	Tampa Bay
Mike Dillon	D	England	Spurs, New York Cosmos
Jimmy Steele	D	Scotland	Rangers, Southampton
Tommy O'Hara	D	Scotland	Celtic, Queen of the South
Roy Willner	D	U.S.A.	Baltimore
Ace Mihailovic	D	U.S.A.	Los Angeles Aztecs
Randy Garber	D	U.S.A.	Tampa Bay
Mike Bakic	M	Canada	Rochester Lancers
Carmine Marcantonio	M	Canada	Toronto Metros-Croatia
Sakib Vitezkic	M	Y'slavia	MVV Maastricht
Garry Darrell	M	Bermuda	Montreal Olympique
Cox Hiddink	M	Holland	
Paul Cannell	F	England	Newcastle United
Ray Graydon	F	England	Bristol Rovers, Aston Villa
Ken Mokgojoa	F	S. Africa	Berseni United
Bobby Stokes	F	England	Southampton

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CALIFORNIA SURF

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
John Jackson	G	England	Crystal Palace, Orient
Dave Jokerst	G	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars
Andy McBride	D	England	Crystal Palace, Highland Park (S.A.)
Joe Clarke	D	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars
Len Renery	D	U.S.A.	New York Cosmos, New York Apollo
Peter Wall	D	England	Orient, Crystal Palace
Ray Evans	D	England	Fulham, Spurs, Millwall
Al Trost	M	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars
George Graham	M	Scotland	Chelsea, Arsenal, Man. Utd.
Malcolm Lord	M	England	Hull City
Chris Dangerfield	M	England	Portland, Team Hawaii, Las Vegas
Bob O'Leary	M	U.S.A.	St. Louis University
Dan Counce	F	U.S.A.	Boston, San Antonio, Hawaii
Steve Moyers	F	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars
Manuel Cuenca	R	Spain	Rayo Vallecano
Anselmo Viciano	F	Spain	Torrejon
Steve David	F	Trinidad	Miami, Los Angeles, Detroit
Les Barrett	F	England	Fulham, Millwall.

CHICAGO STING

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Mervyn Cawston	G	England	Leicester, Newport, Gillingham
Dave Flashen	G	U.S.A.	Brown University
Bruce Wilson	D	Canada	Vancouver Whitecaps
Derek Spalding	D	Scotland	Hibernian
Gary Rensing	D	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars
Clive Griffiths	D	Wales	Plymouth Argyle, Tranmere
Stefan Szeler	D	U.S.A.	
Gene Strenicer	M	Canada	Toronto Metros-Croatia
Jimmy Kelly	M	England	Manchester United
Dan McCrudden	M	U.S.A.	Rhode Island University
Dick Advocaat	M	Holland	Den Haag, Roda J.C., M.V.V. Hagae
Roberto Gadea	M	Uruguay	Penarol, Defensor
Goran Meskovic	F	Yslavia	Proleter, Arles (France)
Jado Hasanbegovic	F	Yslavia	Sarajevo
Robert Gadocha	F	Poland	Legia Warsaw, Nanates (France)
Karl-Heinz Granitza	F	W. Ger	Hertha Berlin
Arno Steffenhagen	F	W. Ger	Hertha Berlin, Hamburger SV
Gerry Ingram	F	England	Bradford City, Washington, San Diego
Jorgen Kirstensen	F	Denmark	Koge B.K., Feyenoord, Hertha Berlin
Horst Blankenburg	D	W. Ger	Ajax Amsterdam

COLORADO CARIBOUS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Arnold Mausser	G	U.S.A.	Tampa Bay, Vancouver
Greg Makowski	D	U.S.A.	S.I.U. Edwardsville
Matt Bahr	D	U.S.A.	Penn State University
Steve Ralbovsky	D	U.S.A.	Chicago Sting
Branko Radovic	D	Y'slavia	Red Star Belgrade
George Lampley	D	Ghana	Chicago Sting
Scott Strasberg	M	U.S.A.	New York Cosmos
Pat McMahon	M	Scotland	Celtic, Aston Villa, Portland
Philip Jones	M	S. Africa	Orlando Pirates
Bob Rohrbach	F	U.S.A.	Univ. of Dayton
Tommy Lang	F	U.S.A.	Adelphi University
Louis Nanchoff	F	U.S.A.	Akron University
Brian Tiernan	F	England	Chester, New York, Hawaii
Jomo Sono	F	S. Africa	New York Cosmos
Fred Pereira	F	U.S.A.	Connecticut
Ron Blair	F	N. Ireland	Oldham, Rochdale

DALLAS TORNADO

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Ken Cooper	G	England	Blackburn Rovers
Peter McDonnell	G	England	Bury, Liverpool
Glenn Myernick	D	U.S.A.	
George Ley	D	England	Exeter, Portsmouth
Steve Pecher	D	U.S.A.	
Neil Cohen	D	U.S.A.	
Max Thompson	D	England	Liverpool, Blackpool
Brian Kettle	D	England	Liverpool
Kevin Keeley	M	England	Sheffield Wed., Liverpool
Tony Bellinger	M	U.S.A.	
Bobby Hope	M	Scotland	West Bromwich Albion
Kai Haaskivi	M	Finland	KIF Helsinki, JK Helsinki
Len Cantello	M	England	West Bromwich Albion
Jeff Bourne	F	England	Derby County, Crystal Palace
Jim Ryan	F	Scotland	Man. Utd., Luton Town
Kyle Rote	F	U.S.A.	
John O'Hare	F	Scotland	Derby County, Notts Forest
Fred Garcia	F	U.S.A.	

DETROIT EXPRESS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Steve Hardwick	G	England	Chesterfield, Newcastle
Paul Hunter	D	Canada	New York Cosmos
Graham Dales	D	England	Newcastle United
Ian Davies	D	England	Norwich City
Eddie Colquhoun	D	Scotland	Sheffield United
David Bradford	M	England	Peterborough United
Angus Moffat	M	Canada	Motherwell, Toronto Metros
Steve Sargeant	M	England	Everton
Mick Leach	F	England	Queens Park Rangers
Keith Furphy	F	England	Sheffield United, Wealdstone
Alan Brazil	F	Scotland	Ipswich Town
Trevor Francis	F	England	Birmingham City

FORT LAUDERDALE STRIKERS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Gordon Banks	G	England	Leicester City, Stoke City
Ian Turner	G	England	Southampton
Maurice Whittle	D	England	Oldham Athletic
John Ridley	D	England	
Tony Whelan	D	England	Rochdale
Les Peterson	D	U.S.A.	Florida International Univ.
Colin Fowlek	D	U.S.A.	
Tibor Gemeri	M	Canada	Toronto Serbian White Eagles
Ray Hudson	M	England	Newcastle United
Ian Callaghan	M	England	Liverpool
Norman Piper	M	England	Plymouth Argyle, Portsmouth
David Irving	F	England	Oldham Athletic
Dennis Vanniger	F	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars
Willie Ronson	F	England	Blackpool
George Best	F	N. Ireland	Man Utd., Fulham, Los Angeles

HOUSTON HURRICANE

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Keith Van Eron	G	U.S.A.	Hartwick College
Paul Hammond	G	England	Crystal Palace
Stewart Jump	D	England	Stoke City, Tampa Bay
Ian Anderson	D	Scotland	St. Johnstone, Tampa Bay
Mark Stahl	D	U.S.A.	Team Hawaii
Nick Megaleudis	D	U.S.A.	Long Island University
Radomir Stefanovic	D	Y'slavia	Rijeka, Tampa Bay
Matthew O'Sullivan	D	U.S.A.	
Dale Russell	M	Bermuda	Philadelphia Textile
John Dowie	M	Scotland	Fulham
John Stremlau	M	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars, Dallas
Mark Lindsay	M	England	Crystal Palace, Tampa Bay
Bobby Lennox	F	Scotland	Celtic
Dean Smith	F	England	
Gerry Morielli	F	Canada	
Eduardo Marasso	F	A'tina.	

LOS ANGELES AZTECS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Bob Rigby	G	U.S.A.	Philadelphia Atoms, New York Cosmos
Bill Mishalow	D	U.S.A.	
Bobby Sibbald	D	England	York, Southport
Colin Clarke	D	Scotland	Arsenal, Oxford United
John McGrane	D	Canada	Simon Fraser University
Ron Davies	D	Wales	Portsmouth, Manchester United
Tommy Smith	D	England	Liverpool
Dave Lennard	D	England	Chester, Stockport
Andy Rollard	D	Scotland	Fort Lauderdale
Charlie Cooke	M	Scotland	Chelsea
Bob McAlinden	M	England	Manchester City
Alan Kelly	M	U.S.A.	San Diego State Univ.
Rudi Ybarra	F	U.S.A.	Santa Barbara
Austin Hayes	F	England	Southampton
Garry Jones	F	England	Bolton Wanderers
Peter Coyne	F	England	Crewe Alexandra
George Dewsnip	F	England	Southport, Fort Lauderdale

NEW YORK COSMOS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Jack Brand	G	Canada	Toronto, Rochester
Erol Yasin	G	Turkey	Galatasaray
Robert Iarusci	D	Canada	Toronto Metros-Croatia
Bobby Smith	D	U.S.A.	Philadelphia Atoms
Nelsi Morais	D	Brazil	Santos
Wiener Roth	D	U.S.A.	
Carlos Alberto	D	Brazil	Santos, Flamengo
Santiago Formosa	D	U.S.A.	Connecticut Bicentennials
Giuseppe Wilson	D	Italy	Lazio
Garry Ayre	D	Canada	Vancouver Whitecaps
Vaclaslav Bogicevic	M	Y'slavia	Red Star
Franz Beckenbauer	M	W. Ger	Bayern Munich
Terry Garbett	M	England	Sheffield United
Vito Dimitrijevic	M	Y'slavia	Olimpija Ljubljana
Ricky Davis	F	U.S.A.	Santa Calara University
Gary Etherington	F	U.S.A.	
Dennis Tueart	F	England	Sunderland, Manchester City
Giorgio Chinaglia	F	Italy	Lazio
Steve Hunt	F	England	Aston Villa
Fred Grguirev	F	U.S.A.	New York Apollo
Ron Atanasio	F	U.S.A.	Adelphi University
Seninho	F	Angola	Maxico, Oporto

OAKLAND STOMPERS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Shep Messing	G	U.S.A.	Boston, New York
Gene DuChateau	G	U.S.A.	Connecticut
Alec Lindsay	D	England	Liverpool, Stoke City
Lee Atack	D	U.S.A.	Sacramento Spirits
Sam Rosenthal	D	Israel	Petah Tikva
Pekki Rosanovic	D	Y'slavia	Partizan
John Rowlands	D	England	Exter, Stockport, San Jose
Peter Enders	M	W. Ger	Hertha Berlin, Kickers Offenbach
Andy Atuegbu	M	Nigeria	Univ. of San Francisco
Bozidar Ban	M	Y'slavia	Dinamo Zagreb, La Louviere
Geoff Wegerle	F	S. Africa	Acadia Shepherds
Mirko Livenic	F	U.S.A.	New York, Washington
Karl-Heinz Mrosko	F	W. Ger	Arminia Hanover
Archie Robeestoff	F	U.S.A.	Portland Timbers
Tony Graham	F	U.S.A.	Univ of San Francisco
Andy McCulloch	F	England	Bradford City
George Djordjevic	F	U.S.A.	

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MEMPHIS ROUGES

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Tony Burns	G	England	Crystal Palace
John Hoska	G	U.S.A.	
Bobby Thomson	D	England	Port Vale, Wolves, Connecticut
John Faulkner	D	England	Leeds Utd., Luton Town
Phil Beal	D	England	Spurs, Los Angeles Aztecs
Paul D'Agostino	D	Canada	Toronto Metros-Croatia
David Stride	D	England	Chelsea
Dave Grimaldi	D	U.S.A.	Rutgers Univ., Dallas
Phil Holder	M	England	Spurs, Crystal Palace
Neil Smillie	M	England	Crystal Palace, Brentford
Tony Field	M	England	Sheffield Utd., New York Cosmos
Alan Birchenall	M	England	Leicester City, Notts County
Jimmy Husband	F	England	Everton
Roman Rosal	F	U.S.A.	Connecticut
Henry McCully	F	U.S.A.	Connecticut

MINNESOTA KICKS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Geoff Barnett	G	England	Everton, Arsenal
Tino Lettieri	G	Canada	Rosemount
Alan Merrick	D	England	West Bromwich Albion
Tony Want	D	England	Birmingham City, Spurs
Sam Bick	D	U.S.A.	Quincy College
Steve Litt	D	England	Blackpool, Luton Town
Gary Vogel	D	U.S.A.	Hartwick College
Ron Webster	D	England	Derby County
Paul Price	D	England	Luton Town
Mark Moran	M	U.S.A.	S.K.U. Edwardsville
Patrick Mbaelengoe	M	S. Africa	Kaiser Chiefs, Denver Dynamo
Alan West	M	England	Luton Town, Burnley
Alan Willey	F	England	Middlesbrough
Ian Hamilton	F	England	Aston Villa, Sheffield Utd.
Greg Villa	F	U.S.A.	S.I.U. Edwardsville
Tim Twellman	F	U.S.A.	S.I.U. Edwardsville
Charlie George	F	England	Arsenal, Derby County
Ron Futcher	F	England	Luton Town
Willie Morgan	F	Scotland	Burnley, Bolton, Chicago

NEW ENGLAND TEAMEN

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Kevin Keelan	G	England	Norwich City
Kirk Pearson	G	U.S.A.	Aldersen-Broaddus
Dave D'Errico	D	U.S.A.	Seattle, Minnesota
Peter Simpson	D	England	Arsenal
Peter Carr	D	England	Carlisle Utd., Darlington
Larry Abrahams	D	England	Charlton
Dennis Wit	M	U.S.A.	Baltimore, San Diego, Tampa
Ringo Cantillo	M	C. Rica	New Jersey, Tampa By
Keith Weller	M	England	Chelsea, Leicester City, Spurs
Brian Alderson	M	England	Coventry City, Leicester City
Benny Brewster	M	U.S.A.	Boston Minutemen
Gerry Daly	M	Eire	Man. Utd., Derby County
Chris Turner	D	England	Peterborough, Connecticut
Colin Powell	F	England	Charlton
Mike Flanaghan	F	England	Charlton
Roger Gibbins	F	England	Spurs, Oxford Utd., Norwich City
Kevin Welsh	F	U.S.A.	Connecticut

PHILADELPHIA FURY

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Keith MacRae	G	Scotland	Motherwell, Manchester City
John Miller	G	U.S.A.	Penn State
Brooks Cryder	D	U.S.A.	Los Angeles Skyhawks
John Dempsey	D	Eire	Fulham, Chelsea
Bill Straub	D	U.S.A.	Montreal Olympique, Philadelphia
Ray Schnettgoecke	D	U.S.A.	Brown University
Colin Waldron	D	England	Burnley, Man. Utd., Sunderland
Frank O'Brien	D	Eire	Dundalk
Pierce O'Leary	D	Eire	Shelbourne, Shamrock Rovers
Eddie Bryne	M	Eire	Bohemians, Shamrock Rovers
Tony Glavin	M	Scotland	Queens Park
Johnny Giles	M	Eire	Leeds United
Pete Mannino	M	U.S.A.	Penn State
Rich Reice	F	U.S.A.	Penn State
Peter Osgood	F	England	Chelsea, Southampton
Pat Bryne	F	Eire	Bohemians
Alan Ball	F	England	Arsenal, Southampton
Colin McCurdy	F	Eire	Linfield, Fulham
Pat Fidelia	F	U.S.A.	Mercer County College
Martin Henderson	F	Scotland	Rangers
Alan Lee	F	Scotland	

PORTLAND TIMBERS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Teams
Mick Poole	G	England	Coventry, Rochdale
Clive Charles	D	England	West Ham, Cardiff City
Brian Gant	D	Canada	Vancouve Whitecaps
Peter Stanley	D	Canada	
Ike MacKay	D	Canada	Vancouver Royals
Graham Day	D	England	Bristol Rovers
Pat Howard	D	England	Newcastle, Arsenal, Birmingham
Brian McNeil	M	England	Bristol City
Jimmy Conway	M	Eire	Fulham, Manchester City
John Bain	M	Scotland	Bristol City, Brentford
Elson Seale	F	Barbados	Philadelphia Textile
Clyde Best	F	Bermuda	West Ham, Feyenoord, Tampa
Stewart Scullion	F	Scotland	Watford, Sheffield Utd., Tampa
Willie Anderson	F	England	Man Utd., Aston Villa, Cardiff
Mike Flater	F	U.S.A.	Minnesota Kicks

ROCHESTER LANCERS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Jim May	G	U.S.A.	
Rotka Svilar	G	Y'slavia	Vojvodina Novi Sad
Miralem Fazlis	D	Y'slavia	Sloboda Tuzla, Toronto
Jim Pollihan	D	U.S.A.	Quincy College
Doe Drange	D	U.S.A.	St. Louis University
Nicola Mijatovic	D	Y'slavia	Sloboda Tuzla
Hugh Nicolosi	D	A'lina	Montreal Castors
Jozsef Horvath	M	Hungary	Ujpest Dozsa
Horacio Palmieri	M	A'lina	San Lorenzo
Craig Reynolds	M	U.S.A.	Brockport State College
Val Trifunovic	M	Y'slavia	Vojvodina Novi Sad
Pat Ercoli	F	Canada	Montreal Castors, Tornota Italia
Momcilo Stojanovic	F	Y'slavia	O.F.K. Belgrade
Francisco Bolota	F	Portugal	Barreirense, Tomar, Montijo
Ibraim Silva	F	Portugal	Benfica, Guimaraes
Julio Baylon	F	Peru	Alianza Lima

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Alan Mayer	G	U.S.A.	Las Vegas Quicksilver
Laszlo Harsanyi	D	Hungary	Ujpest Dozsa
Peter Noyer	D	W. Ger	1st F.C. Saarbrucken
John Nusum	D	Bermuda	Philadelphia Textile
Peter Lechermann	D	W. Ger	MSV Duisburg, Telstar Velsen
Axel Neumann	D	W. Ger	Tennis Borussia
Mark Densing	D	U.S.A.	San Jose Earthquakes
Jan Van Der Veen	M	Holland	Sparta Rotterdam, Antwerp
Hans Mielke	M	W. Ger	S.C. Wacker 04
Igor Bachner	M	Canada	Solvan Bratislava, Montreal
Julie Veee	F	U.S.A.	Lierse, Standard Liege
Jean Willrich	F	W. Ger	PSV Eindhoven, TuS Neundorf
Derek Smethurst	F	S. Africa	Chelsea, Tampa Bay
Walker McCall	F	Scotland	Ayr United
Yilmaz Orhan	F	Cyprus	West Ham, Hawaii, Houston

SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Mike Hewitt	G	Scotland	Dundee, Tampa Bay
Buzz Demling	D	U.S.A.	St. Louis Stars
Roger Verdi	D	British	Montreal, Miami, St. Louis
Ian Wood	D	England	Oldham, Denver Dynamo
Volker Fass	D	W. Ger.	Offenback Kickers, Oakland
Fraz Smuda	D	Poland	Chicago Sting, Los Angeles
Dave Davidovic	M	Y'slavia	Partizan, Lierse
Parviz Qualichkhani	M	Iran	
Dave Kemp	M	Scotland	San Francisco Scots
Dusan Lukic	M	Y'slavia	OFK Belgrade
Les Chapman	M	England	Oldham, Huddersfield
John Smillie	M	U.S.A.	Portland Timbers
Paul Child	F	England	Aston Villa
Ilja Mitic	F	Y'slavia	Oakland Clippers Dallas Tornado
Victor Kodelja	F	Canada	Vancouver, San Antonio, Hawaii
Peter Ressel	F	Holland	Anderlecht
Leroy Spann	F	Trinidad	
Doug Wark	F	U.S.A.	Tampa Bay

SEATLE SOUNDERS

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Tony Chursky	G	Canada	Simon Fraser University
Cliff Brown	G	U.S.A.	Univ. of Washington
Mike England	D	Wales	Blackburn, Spurs, Cardiff
Bobby Moore	D	England	West Ham, San Antonio
Jimmy McAlister	D	U.S.A.	
Adrian Webster	D	England	Colchester United
Bruce Rudroff	D	U.S.A.	St. Louis University
Manny Matos	D	U.S.A.	Adelphi University
Les Parodi	D		
Bobby Howe	D	England	West Ham, Bournemouth
Steve Buttle	M	England	Ipswich Town, Bournemouth
Dave Butler	M	England	Watford, Workington
Jocky Scott	M	Scotland	Dundee, Chelsea, Preston, Aberdeen
Gordon Wallace	M	Scotland	Raith Rovers
Eddie Krueger	M	U.S.A.	Lake Washington Royals
Tommy Ord	F	England	Chelsea, New York, Vancouver
Paul Crossley	F	England	Southport, Tranmere
Mickey Cave	F	England	York City, Bournemouth
Bruce Miller	F	Canada	Simon Fraser University

TAMPA BAY ROWDIES

Name	Pos	Country	Some Previous Clubs
Nicky Johns	G	England	Millwall
Winston Dubose	G	U.S.A.	Florida Tech
Jim Fleeting	D	Scotland	Norwich City
Arsene Auguste	D	Haiti	
Mike Connell	D	S. Africa	
Frantz St. Lot	D	U.S.A.	East Stroudsburg State Univ.
Luis Papandrea	D	A'lina	Ferro Carril Oeste
Peter Chandler	D	U.S.A.	Connecticut
Mike McGuire	M	England	Coventry City, Norwich City
Wes McLeod	M	Canada	
Graham Paddon	M	England	Norwich City, West Ham
Peter Anderson	M	England	Watford, Luton Town, Antwerp
Joe Fink	F	S. Africa	Arcadia Shepherds
Steve Segerie	F	S. Africa	Arcadia Shepherds
Dave Robb	F	Scotland	Aberdeen
Mirandrina	F	Brazil	M Paulo
Rodney Marsh	F	England	Fulham, QPR, Man City

Rossi stays wi after Juventus

by Keir Radnedge

THE *tifosi* weren't concerned only with Italy's progress to the last four in the World Cup this summer — there were other pre-occupations, almost all to do with transfers.

Two scandals stood out in the confused world of player monopoly which goes on every summer in Italy as clubs throw their staff into a merry-go-round and wait to see who falls off in their direction.

The first row concerned Paolo Rossi, the excellent 21-year-old centre forward who led the *Azzurri* attack in Argentina. Rossi, top league scorer with 24 goals last season and leading goal-getter in Serie B the previous year, was coveted by everyone.

But there was only one serious contender to sign the Lanerossi Vicenza star, and that was Juventus, with whom Rossi had started his career and who still owned a 50 per cent share in thim.

It seemed Juventus would have only to snap their fingers and Rossi would return to the Turin fold. But not a bit of it. Vicenza, impoverished provincials though they appear, were equally determined not to give up their only outstanding player on the eve of a return to European competition in the UEFA Cup.

The issue became a crucial one for Vicenza president Giuseppe Farina. "If I cannot get the (financial) support to help us keep Rossi, then I shall resign," he warned.

It seemed an impossible dream — to hold on to Rossi despite the cash inducements Juventus could offer. But bravely Farina held out. Usually the poorer clubs are only too willing to sell their best players to raise the cash to strengthen other departments of the team nd keep the bank manager tolerably happy.

But every now and again along comes a player, as Gigi Riva 10 years ago, who is worth more than money.

Rossi has become a favourite son of Vicenza. He is the big fish in a small pool and has been remarkably successful, especially considering the fact that young as he is he retains only one cartilage in his knees!

So, stalemate. Juventus insisted on pressing their bid. Vicenza insisted on rejecting it. In such cases the matter goes to the League to settle. Both clubs are invited to make secret bids, and the one who bid the highest gets the player.

In this case Vicenza were bidding to buy out Juventus, while Juve president Giampiero Boniperti was bidding to buy up Vicenza's share. When the sealed envelopes were opened it was clear that Lanerossi had won their fight. While Juve had offered £700,000 for the remaining half-share in Rossi, Vicenza had offered twice that & making Rossi's market value a staggering £3 million!

And, remember, all this — ridicuolusly — was BEFORE he had the chance to step out in the World Cup. In fact, when all the wheeler-dealing was going on, it seemed unlikely that Rossi would even make the World Cup team. It was only his lively performance in the second half of Italy's last warm-up game against a local club in Buenos Aires that he persuaded manager Enzo Bearzot to give him his head.

Paulo Rossi of Italy heads for goal despite the dive of Dutch goalkeeper Piet Schrijvers.

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Not that the trouble is yet over. Vicenza now have the giant headache of raising the £1.5 million they owe Juventus. But, as Milan coach Giovanni Trapattoni said: "At least Vicenza have kept the championship alive for the new season. If Juventus had been able to field Rossi as well as all their other internationals they could have been given the title without a game being played."

The Rossi extravaganza took place before the World Cup, the other scandal followed the finals, when the transfer market reopened in Milan's Leonardo da Vinci hotel.

For years there has been steadily increasing opposition from the footballers' union the way in which players are sold, like lumps of meat — a "cattle market," as the players' leader, Sergio Campana, has described it.

Under Campana's leadership in the last two years the players have been making their voice heard far more clearly, with strike action threatened on several occasions in their fight for more rights over contracts and transfers.

This time, in the middle of the transfer sessions, Camapana and his committee took their protest to civil court, and protested that under Italy's labour laws players, as paid employees, were being victimised illegally by their employers.

Chaos reigned as the judge sent police to break up the meetings, seize transfer documents and interview everyone in the hotel. Juventus' Boniperti was among the presidents and club officials who had to explain their presence.

The judge also ordered that all transfers so far completed could not be valid under law, which threw Roma officials into an almighty panic, because they had already agreed to pay Genoa £1 million for centre forward Roberto Pruzzo, and were afraid they might still be bound to pay the money, without getting the player!

Faced with this crisis, the presidents hit back, threatening to delay the start of the new league season until they could get their own way. The significance of this lies in the vast sums which accrue to the benefit of all Italian sport through the pools system.

It could happen only in Italy. The government called a special Cabinet meeting to discuss the crisis and sort out a soluton: a special decree was authorised, exempting footballers from the labour laws for one year.

The significance is that transfers could not go ahead again, but that the authorities have 12 months in which to get their heads together with the players and sort out freedom of contract deal.

As the system works now, a player is virtually forbidden to refuse a transfer if the terms he is being offered by the prospective purchaser do not put him at any financial disadvantage. But if, as in the case of Napoli's veteran skipper Antonio Juliano, the player refuses to sign a new contract, he is put on a black list.

In such cases he could be frozen out of soccer altogether, for the clubs can refuse to transfer him and he remains on minimum money. In Juliano's case, however, it seems likely he'll finish his career with Bologna, who could use his wise old head in midfield.

Bologna escaped relegaton last season only by the skin of their teeth, and their chances this year don't appear much brighter — particularly following the sale of their 21-year-old centre forward Stefano Chiodi, to Milan. Strangely Chiodi made his league debut against Milan back in October 1975, in a 1-1 draw.

Milan nipped in for Chiodi just before the transfer market closed, and could field a powerful attack next season. Earlier they signed Perugia's international Walter Novellino. Aged 25, Novellino can play up front or in midfield.

There will be an interesting family rivalry in San Siro this season. While Inter have 20-year-old full back Giuseppe Baresi, his younger brother Franco is all set to emerge as sweeper with rivals Milan!

Inter, with Claudio Merlo on the way out have failed to agree terms, and with Giacinto Facchetti having retired, face the new season with a squad whose average age has dropped considerably.

Inter, incidentally, won the Italian Cup while most people were thinking more about Italy's displays in Argentina. In the final they beat defending holders Napoli 2-1 thanks to a last-minute goal from sweeper Graziano Bini.

This was Inter's second victory only in the Cup — the last was in 1938, when they were known as Ambrosiana-Inter.

Napoli went ahead after only six minutes through midfielder Maurizio Restelli, but Inter drew level five minutes later thanks to Sandro Altobelli. The game was watched by a mere 25,000 in Rome's Olympic stadium.

Inter: Cipollini — Canuti, Gasparinini, Bini, Fedele (Chierico 58) — Baresi, Orlali, Marini — Scanziani, Altobelli, Muraro (Anastasi 89).
Napoli: Mattolini — Bruscolotti, Ferrario, Stanzione, La Palma — Restelli, Juliano, Valente (Macellin 62) — Vinazzani, Savoldi, Chiarugi.

The match took place on June 8, that is, a week after the World Cup Finals had begun, which just about demonstrates the lack of enthusiasm the Cup arouses. Still, this victory takes Inter into the Cup-winners' Cup, while Napoli enter the UEFA Cup.

In the teams you'll notice that the almost-forgotten Pietro Anastasi played for the final minute as substitute. Anastasi has now left Inter to try to pick up the pieces of his career at Asoli, Serie A newcomers.

Inter have also released Gasparini to Ascoli in part-exchange for the promising young Pasinato. Other transfers of note: Turone and Sabadini (Milane) and Mattolini (Napoli) to Catanzaro; Viola (Bologna) to Lazio; De Vecchi (Monza) to Milan; Caso (Fiorentina) and Castellini (Torino) to Napoli; Casarsa and Della Martira (Fiorentina) to Perugia; Spinosi (Juventus) to Roma; Onofri (Genoa) to Torino; Calloni (Milan) to Verona.

Italian Serie Fixtures 1978 - 79

(Date in brackets is the fixture reversal)

Oct 1 (Jan 28) Bologna-Inter, Catanzaro-Atalanta, Lazio-Juventus, Milan-Avellino, Napoli-Ascoli, Perugia-Lanerossi Vincenza, Torino-Fiorentina, Verona-Roma.

Oct 8 (Feb 4) — Ascoli-Bologna, Atalanta-Torino, Avellino-Lazio, Fiorentina-Napoli, Inter-Perugia, Juventus-Verona, L. Vincenza-Catanzaro, Roma-Milan.

Oct 15 (Feb 11) — Bologna-L. Vicenza, Catanzaro-Juventus, Lazio-Atalanta, Milan-Ascoli, Napoli-Roma, Perugia-Fiorentina, Troino-Avellino, Verona-Inter.

Oct 22 (Feb 18) — Ascoli-Torino, Atalanta-Milan, Avellino-Verona, Fiorentina-Lazio, Inter-Catanzaro, Juventus-Perugia, L. Vicneza-Napoli, Roma-Bologna.

Oct 29 (Mar 4) — Bologna-Juventus, Catanzaro-Roma, Lazio-L. Vicenza, Milan-Fiorentina, Napoli-Atalanta, Perugia-Avellino, Torino-Inter, Verona-Ascoli.

Nov 5 (Mar 11) — Ascoli-Lazio, Atalanta-Perugia, Avellino-Catanzaro, Fiorentina-Bologna, Inter-Napoli, Juventus-Milan, L. Vicenza-Verona, Roma-Torino.

Nov 12 (Mar 18) — Bologna-Avellino, Catanzaro-Fiorentina, Lazio-Roma, Milan-Inter, Napoli-Juventus, Perugia-Ascoli, Torino-L. Vicenza, Verona-Atalanta.

Nov 19 (Mar 25) — Ascoli-Catanzaro, Atalanta-Bologna, Avellino-Napoli, Fiorentina-Verona, Inter-Lazio, Juventus-Torino, L.Vicenza Milan, Roma-Perugia.

Nov 26 (Apr 1) — Avellino-Fiorentina, Bologna-Catanzaro, Inter-Atalanta, Juventus-Ascoli, Lazio-Verona, L. Vicenza-Roma, Napoli-Milan, Perugia-Torino.

Dec 3 (Apr 8) — Ascoli-Inter, Atalanta-Juventus, Catanzaro-Lazio, Fiorentina-L. Vicenza, Milan-Perugia, Roma-Avellino, Torino-Napoli, Verona-Bologna.

Dec 10 (Apr 15) — Ascoli-Atalanta, Catanzaro-Verona, Fiorentina-Roma, Juventus-Inter, Lazio-Bologna, L. Vicenza-Avellino, Milan-Torino, Napoli-Perugia.

Dec 17 (Apr 22) — Atalanta-Fiorentina, Avellino-Ascoli, Bologna-Napoli, Inter-L. Vicenza, Perugia-Catanzaro, Roma-Juventus, Torino-Lazio, Verona-Milan.

Jan 7 (Apr 29) — Avellino-Atalanta, Fiorentina-Juventus, L. Vicenza-Ascoli, Milan-Catanzaro, Napoli-Lazio, Perugia-Verona, Roma-Inter, Torino-Bologna.

Jan 14 (May 6) — Ascoli-Fiorentina, Atalanta-Roma, Bologna-Milan, Catanzaro-Napoli, Inter-Avellino, Juventus-L. Vicenza, Lazio-Perugia, Verona-Torino.

Jan 21 (May 13) — Avellino-Juventus, Fiorentina-Inter, L. Vicenza-Atalanta, Milan-Lazio, Napoli-Verona, Perugia-Bologna, Roma-Ascoli, Torino-Catanzaro.

McLeod survives but for how long?

by Alex Gordon

THE last firing squad Ally McLeod faced had guns loaded with blank bullets. It depends upon how Scotland fare against Austria in Vienna on Wednesday, September 20, just how long it will be before the real ammunition comes into use.

McLeod realises he is on a very precarious tightrope which has already frayed at one end. The dream of Argentina turned into a horrible nightmarish experience for the man the fans were ready to proclaim as King of Scotland.

To be fair, it wasn't just McLeod's fault that the Scots flopped so miserably in the World Cup Finals. There have been millions of words written and spoken about the wretched performances against Peru and Iran that made Scotland realise they still hadn't grown up in world football.

McLeod made mistakes and he admitted to some of them. There is no point now in going on about what did and did not happen in South America. It is time to withdraw the daggers and put down the guns and hope that McLeod, who now knows all about the pitfalls of big-time soccer, can get things sorted out before this clash with Austria in the European championship.

He could have had an easier task. Austria in Vienna is formidable opposition and they showed some fine form in the World Cup although they were almost as erratic as Scotland with the preformances.

Scotland will have to be very careful in this match. A defeat here would not bring instant dismissal, of course, but it is imperative that we get off to the right sort of start. A colossal defeat would bring a fearsome reaction from a lot of quarters.

Certainly the Scots have players who could contain the Austrians and hit on the break; a very simple tactic, but which, time upon time, proves so effective.

Austria's centre back Pezzey baffled me in the World Cup. He looked so commanding at times, but in the game against Holland he was a one-man disaster area being dragged out of position so often that he looked as though he had just been introduced to football.

Remember that first goal? A simple free-kick situation on the edge of the box on the right hand side singled disaster when Pezzey missed his header, captain and right-back Sara didn't cover the far post and young Dutchman Brandts moved in with time and space to nod the ball past the bewildered Koncilia who must have wondered why his defence had suddenly taken up modelling for Madame Tussauds.

The third goal, scored by Johnny Rep, was even worse from Pezzey's point of view. The Dutch broke on the left through the enegmatic Rensenbrink and no danger immediately threatened. For some reason or another, Pezzey suddenly took it into his mind to go out and tackle Rensenbrink and leave the centre of his defence exposed.

Rensenbrink might even have said 'Thank you' as he curled the ball round the centre — back into the path of the unguarded Rep and he lobbed it into the net as Koncilia left his line.

The fourth goal was just as bad. Pezzey must have been hoping for the full-time whistle by this time when he completely messed up an attempted headed clearance. Resenbrink pounced on the ball, squared it across the face of the goal and again Rep was unguarded with the net gaping in front of him.

The important thing to remember in this match is just how vital Pezzey is to this Austrian defence. If he can be dragged all over the place then they can look very vulnerable indeed. Holland didn't play with a target man and Pezzey didn't have an immediate opponent.

Against Scotland he will probably face Joe Jordan, Andy Gray or Derek Johnstone. Two-Jordan and Gray — are left-sided while Johnstone is right. It would be nice to think that if any of these players did face Pezzey they would try to vary their attack and go wide at some points during the game.

If they stick up tight on him for the entire 90 minutes they will be playing into the hands of the Austrians and I would take Pezzey to win more than he lost in to 50-50 confrontation in the centre of the pitch.

The Austrians, though, showed a fair bit of form against the disappointing West Germans, but, by then, both countries knew they wouldn't be moving into the next stage of the tournament so the game was really only of academic interest.

Again, however, it was interesting to note how the West Germans carved upon the left hand side of the Austrian rearguard when Rummenigge and Abranczik began a move in their own half and carried right into their opponent's penalty area where the former finished it off.

The much vaunted Krankl, Austria's top scorer who signed for Barcelona after the Finals, looked lethargic in most of his games, but he came to life against the former World Cup holders with two glorious goals. His first stamped as being exceptionally dangerous as well as unpredictable.

His volley from the cross from the left was superbly timed and no goalkeeper in the world, never mind Sepp Maier with his Mickey Mouse gloves, could have stopped it. In fact, if the net hadn't been there the ball might have finished up somewhere in Peru!

But, as in the situation at the other end of the field, Krankl's bustling manner should play into Gordon McQueen's style of play. The big Manchester United man likes players coming at him. Like Pezzey he doesn't like to go off and search for his opponent. If McQueen is given too much time he begins to gallop off into attack and although I am certain he has good intentions, sometimes his timing isn't quite on the button.

I believe most of the danger to Scotland will come from midfield man Prohaska, who does a lot of intelligent things in his role within the team structure. When he ran out of ideas, Austria seemed to run out of ideas.

Against West Germany he decided to show some of his finer touches and Austria were ticking smoothly for most of the match. It could turn out to be a battle between Graeme Souness and Pronaska to see who has the most inventiveness on the night in Vienna. I just hope it is Souness!

Scotland redeemed themselves slightly by beating Holland 3-2 in their final World Cup match. They won, back some of their credibility. That recovery must continue in Vienna.

Or else Ally McLeod could be asking for a blindfold . . .

Archie Gemmill of Scotland

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Forest win Charity Shield at Wembley

Nottingham Forest beat Ipswich Town 5-0 to win the FA Charity Shield match at Wembley. Forest captain John McGovern is pictured with the trophy. Forest gave a brilliant display in this opener for the new English season, winning through goals from Martin O'Neill (2), Peter Withe, Larry Lloyd and John Robertson. Injury hit Ipswich were no match for the Football League Champions who gave positive proof that they will again be one of the prime contenders for honours in this season's Championship.

St Etienne of France. Standing, left to right: Rocher, Herbin, Lopez, Roussey, Piazza, Santini, Curkovic, Janvion, Modeste, Larios, Rocheteau, Castaneda and Garonnaire. Crouched, left to right: Repellini, Garande, Elie, Farison, Lacombe, Borel, Fournier, Zimako, Rampillon, Briet, Dugalik.

Emlyn Hughes of Liverpool in action against Austria Memphas in Vienna during a pre-season friendly. The Austria players are Herbert Prohaska and Walter Schachner.

AUSTRIAN FIXTURES

August 19

Vienna Rank Xerox — Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck; Körting TV/Gak — Sparkasse A. Salzburg; SK Rapid Wienerberger — FK Austria-Memphis; SK Vöest-Linz — SK Sturm Durisol; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — Wiener Sportclub-Post.

August 26

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — Wiener Sportclub-Post; SK Sturm Durisol — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie; FK Austria-Memphis — SK Vöest-Linz; SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg — SK Rapid Wienerberger; Vienna Rank Xerox — Körting TV/Gak.

September 2

Körting TV/Gak — Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck; SK Rapid Wienerberger — Vienna Rank Xerox; SK Vöest-Linz — SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — FK Austria-Memphis; Wiener Sportclub-Post — SK Sturm Durisol.

September 9

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — SK Sturm Durisol; FK Austria-Memphis — Wiener Sportclub-Post; SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie; Vienna Rank Xerox — SK Voest-Linz; Korting TV/GAk — SK Rapid Wienerberger.

September 16

SK Rapid Wienerberger — Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck; SK Vöest-Linz — Körting TV/Ga; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — Vienna Rank Xerox; Wiener Sportclub-Post — SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg; SK Sturm Durisol — FK Austria-Memphis.

September 23

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — FK Austria-Memphis; SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg — SK Sturm Durisol; Vienna Rank Xerox — Wiener Sportclub-Post; Körting TV/Gak — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie; SK Rapid Wienerberger — SK Vöest-Linz;

September 30

SK Vöest-Linz — Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — SK Rapid Wienerberger; Wiener Sportclub-Post — Körting TV/Gak; SK Sturm Durisol — Vienna Rank Xerox; FK Austria-Memphis — SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg.

October 7

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — SV Sparkasse A.Sbg; Vienna Rank Xerox — FK Austria-Memphis; Körting TV/Gak — SK Sturm Durisol; SK Rapid Wienerberger — Wiener Sportclub-Post; SK Vöest-Linz — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie.

October 14

FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — Sparkasse Sw. Innsbruck; Wiener Sportclub-Post — SK Voest-Linz; SK Sturm Durisol — SK Rapid Wienerberger; FK Austria-Mephis — Körting TV/Gak; SV Sparkasse A.Salzburg — Vienna Rank Xerox.

October

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — Vienna Rank Xerox; SV Sparkasse A.Salzburg — Körting TV/Gak; FK Austria-Memphis — SK Rapid Wienerberger; SK Sturm Durisol — SK Vöest-Linz; Wiener Sportclub-Post — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie.

October 28

Wiener Sportclub-Post — Sparkasse Sw. Innsbruck; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — SK Sturm Durisol; SK Vöest-Linz — FK Austria-Memphis; SK Rapid Wienerberger — SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg; Korting TV/Gak — Vienna Rank Xerox.

November 4

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — Korting TV/Gak; Vienna Rank Xerox — SK Rapid Wienerberger; SV Sparkasse A.Salzburg — SK Vöest-Linz; FK Austria-Memphis — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie; SK Sturm Durisol — Wiener Sportclub-Post.

November 11

SK Sturm Durisol — Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck; Wiener Sportclub-Post — FK Austria-Memphis; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — SV Sparkass A.-Sbg; SK Vöest-Linz — Vienna Rank Xerox; SK Rapid Wienerberger — Körting TV/Gak.

November 18

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — SK Rapid Wienerberger; Körting TV/Gak — K Voest-Linz; Vienna Rank Xerox — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie; SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg — Wiener Sportclub-Post; FK Austria-Memphis — SK Sturm Durisol.

November 25

FK Austria-Memphis — Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck; SK Sturm Durisol — SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg; Wiener Sportclub-Post — Vienna Rank Xerox; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — Körting TV/Gak; SK Vöest-Linz — SK Rapid Wienerberger.

December 2

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — SK Vöest-Linz; SK Rapid Wienerberger — FC Admira-Wacker-Energie; Körting TV/Gak — Wiener Sportclub-Post; Vienna Rank Xerox — SK Sturm Durisol; SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg — FK Austria-Memphis.

December 9

SV Sparkasse A. Salzburg — Sparkasse Sw. Innsbruck; FK Austria-Memphis — Vienna Rank Xerox; SK Sturm Durisol — Körting TV/Gak; Wiener Sportclub-Post — SK Rapid Wienerberger; FC Admira-Wacker-Energie — SK Vöest-Linz.

December 16

Sparkasse Swarovski Innsbruck — FC Admira-Wacker-E, SK Vöest-Linz — Wiener Sportclub-Post; SK Rapid Wienerberger — SK Sturm Durisol; Körting TV/Gak — FK Austria-Memphis; Vienna Rank Xerox — SV Sparkasse A.-Salzburg.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1

England, Bulgaria, Denmark, Northern Ireland, Ireland Rep.

24. 5.78	Denmark v. Ireland Rep.
20. 9.78	Ireland Rep. v. N. Ireland
20. 9.78	Denmark v. England
11.10.78	Denmark v. Bulgaria
25.10.78	Ireland Rep. v. England
25.10.78	Northern Ireland v. Denmark
29.11.78	Bulgaria v. N. Ireland
7. 2.79	England v. N. Ireland
2. 5.79	Ireland Rep. v. Denmark
2. 5.79	Northern Ireland v. Bulgaria
23. 5.79	Bulgaria v. Ireland Rep.
6. 6.79	Bulgaria v. England
6. 6.79	Denmark v. N. Ireland
12. 9.79	England v. Denmark
17.10.79	Ireland Rep. v. Bulgaria
17.10.79	Northern Ireland v. England
31.10.79	Bulgaria v. Denmark
21.11.79	England v. Bulgaria
21.11.79	N. Ireland v. Ireland Rep.
6. 2.80	England v. Ireland Rep.

Group 2

Austria, Belgium, Scotland, Norway, Portugal

30. 8.78	Norway v. Austria
20. 9.78	Belgium v. Norway
20. 9.78	Austria v. Scotland
11.10.78	Portugal v. Belgium
25.10.78	Scotland v. Norway
15.11.78	Austria v. Portugal
29.11.78	Portugal v. Scotland
7. 2.79	Scotland v. Belgium
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7. 6.79	Norway v. Scotland
29. 8.79	Austria v. Norway
12. 9.79	Norway v. Belgium
17.10.79	Belgium v. Portugal
17.10.79	Scotland v. Austria
1.11.79	Portugal v. Norway
21.11.79	Belgium v. Scotland
21.11.79	Portugal v. Austria
6. 2.80	Scotland v. Portugal

Group 3

Cyprus, Spain, Rumania, Yugoslavia

4.10.78	Yugoslavia v. Spain
25.10.78	Rumania v. Yugoslavia
15.11.78	Spain v. Rumania
13.12.78	Spain v. Cyprus
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4. 4.79	Rumania v. Spain
13. 5.79	Cyprus v. Rumania
10.10.79	Spain v. Yugoslavia
31.10.79	Yugoslavia v. Rumania
14.11.79	Yugoslavia v. Cyprus
18.11.79	Rumania v. Cyprus
9.12.79	Cyprus v. Spain

Group 4

German DR, Iceland, Netherlands, Poland, Switzerland

6. 9.78	Iceland v. Poland
20. 9.78	Netherlands v. Iceland
4.10.78	German DR v. Iceland
11.10.78	Switzerland v. Netherlands
15.11.78	Netherlands v. German DR
15.11.78	Poland v. Switzerland
28. 3.79	Netherlands v. Switzerland
18. 4.79	German DR v. Poland
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5. 5.79	Switzerland v. German DR
22. 5.79	Switzerland v. Iceland
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10.10.79	Poland v. Iceland
13.10.79	German DR v. Switzerland
17.10.79	Netherlands v. Poland
21.11.79	German DR v. Netherlands

Group 5

France, Luxemburg, Sweden, Czechoslovakia

2. 9.78	France v. Sweden
4.10.78	Sweden v. Czechoslovakia
7.10.78	Luxemburg v. France
18. 2.79	France v. Luxemburg
4. 4.79	Czechoslovakia v. France
1. 5.79	Luxemburg v. Czechoslovakia
6/13.5.79	Sweden v. Luxemburg
5. 9.79	Sweden v. France
10.10.79	Czechoslovakia v. Sweden
23.10.79	Luxemburg v. Sweden
17.11.79	France v. Czechoslovakia
24.11.79	Czechoslovakia v. Luxemburg

Group 6

Finland, Greece, Hungary, USSR

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11.10.78	Hungary v. USSR
11.10.78	Greece v. Finland
26.10.78	Greece v. Hungary
2. 5.79	Hungary v. Greece
19. 5.79	USSR v. Hungary
4. 7.79	Finland v. USSR
12. 9.79	Greece v. USSR
17.10.79	Hungary v. Finland
31.10.79	USSR v. Finland

Group 7

Germany FR, Malta, Wales, Turkey

25.10.78	Wales v. Malta
29.11.78	Wales v. Turkey
25. 2.79	Malta v. Germany FR
1. 4.79	Turkey v. Germany FR
2. 5.79	Wales v. Germany FR
2. 6.79	Malta v. Wales
17.10.79	Germany FR v Wales
21.11.79	Turkey v. Wales
22.12.79	Germany FR v. Turkey
27. 2.80	Germany FR v. Malta

Dates of Malta and Turkey still provisional

CLASSIFIED RESULTS

INTERNATIONALS

May 24

URUGUAY (0) 0
SPAIN (0) 0

Uruguay: R. Rodriguez, De los Santos, Olivera, R. Gimenez, M. Gonzalez, Carrasco, Usarius, Moreira, Alonso, Moreno, Ramos.
Spain: Miguel Angel (Arconada), San José, Miguel, Olmo, De la Cruz, Asensi, Leal (Quini), Guman, Dani (Barrallen), Cano (Marianoni, Resach.

OTHER INTERNATIONALS

PONTE PRETA (Brazil) 1
TUNISIA 0 (May 25)

MAJOR CLUB INTERNATIONALS:

THE STRONGEST (Bolivia) 2
BOCA JUNIORS (Argentina) 4
(May 25)
THE STRONGEST (Bolivia) 3
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 4

LIBERTADORES CUP
(South American Club Championship)

Group 1

June 26

LIGA DEPORTIVA UNIVERSITARIA (Ecuador) (1) 1 (Palavecino)
INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 0

L.D. Universitaria: Gallardo, Sandoval, De Carlo, Maldonado, Moreno, Villena, Sousman, Rivadero, Palavecino (Velez), Polo Carrera, Castañeda.
Independiente: Rigante, Pagnanini (Lencina), Villaverde, Trossero, O. Perez, Bionti, Galvan, Bochini, Britez, Outes, Magallanes.

NACIONAL (Ecuador (0) 1 (Nieves)
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (1) 1 (J. Lopez)

Nacional: R. Rodriguez, Ron, Sued, Zaldumbide, Escalante, Villafuerte, Granda, Cabezas, Sas, Correa, Nieves. (Fersona sub. Cabezas, Burbano sub. Sas).
River Plate: Landaburu, Saporiti, Perfumo, H. Rodriguez, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo, Alonso, Gonzalez, Marchetti, Galletti (Sabella sub. Marchetti, Coscia sub. Gonzalez).

July 1

LIGA DEPORTIVA UNIVERSITARIA (Ecuador) 0
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 0

L. D. Universitaria: Gallardo, Sandoval, De Carlo, Maldonado, Moreno, Villena, Sousman, Rivadero, Palvecino, Polo Carrera, Castañeda.
River Plate: Landaburu, Saporiti, Perfumo, Rodriguez, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo, Alonso, Gonzalez (Galletti), Marchetti, Ortiz.

NACIONAL (Ecuador) (0) 1 (Ron)
INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) (1) 2 (Galvan, Trossero)

Nacional: Rodriguez, Perdomo, Sued (Calevres), Zaldumbide, Escalante, Villafuerte, (V. Ron), C. Ron, Granada, Sas, Correa, Nieves.
Independiente: Rigante, Pagnanini, Villaverde, Trossero, Perez, Larrosa, Galvan, Bochini, Britez (Leone), Outes, Magallanes. (Sento off: 75m. Outes (I), Granda (N))

July 5

NACIONAL (Ecuador) (1) 2 (Correa 2)
LIGA DEP. UNIVERSITARIA (Ecuador) 0

Nacional: Rodriguez, Perdomo, Perez, Zaldumbide, Escalante, C. Ron, Villafuerte, Cabezas (Vega), V. Ron, Correa (Guerrero), Nieves.
L. D. Universitaria: Gallardo, Sandoval, De Carlo, Maldonado, Escalade, Villena, Sousman, Rivadero, Palavecino, Polo Carrera, Castañeda.

INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) 0
RIVER PLATE (Argentina) 0

Independiente: Rigante, Pagnanini, Villaverde, Trossero, O. Perez, Larrosa, Galvan, Bionti, Britez, Bochini, Magallanes (Adorno).
River Plate: Fillol, Saporiti, Perfumo, Passarella, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo, Alonso, Gonzalez, Luque, Ortiz.

July 11

RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (0) 2 (Gonzalez, J. Lopez)
NACIONAL (Ecuador) 0

River Plate: Fillol, Saporiti, Perfumo, Passarella, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo, Alonso, Gonzalez, Luque, Ortiz.
Nacional: M. Rodriguez, Perlazza, M. Perez, Zaldumbide, Escalante, Villafuerte, C. Ron, Granda, Correa (Barahona), V. Ron, Nieves.

INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) (2) 2 (Arrieta, Bochini)
NACIONAL (Ecuador) 0

Independiente: Rigante, Pagnanini, Villaverde, Trossero, O. Perez, Larrosa, Galvan, Bochini, Arrieta, Outes, Britez.
Nacional: M. Rodriguez, Perlazza, M. Perez, Zaldumbide, Escalante, Villafuerte, Vega, Granda (Barahona), Nieves (Sas), V. Ron, Correa.

July 18

RIVER PLATE (Argentina) (0) 4 (Luque, J. Lopez, Ortiz, Saporiti)
LIGA DEPORTIVA UNIVERSITARIA (Ecuador) 0

River Plate: Landaburu, Saporiti, Perfumo, Passarella, H. Lopez, J. Lopez, Merlo, Alonso, Gonzalez, Luque, Ortiz.
L. D. Universitaria: Quiroga, Sandoval, De Carlo, Maldonado, Moreno, Villena (Escalada), Sousman, Rivadero, Palavecino, Carrera, Rodriguez (Castañeda).

July 20

INDEPENDIENTE (Argentina) (1) 2 (Arrieta, Bochini)
LIGA DEPORTIVA UNIVERSITARIA (Ecuador) 0

Independiente: Rigante, Pagnanini, Villaverde, Trossero, Perez (Rigolino), Larrosa, Galvan, Bochini, Arrieta, Outes (Adorno), Britez.
L. D. Universitaria: Quiroga (Gallardo), Sandoval, De Carlo, Maldonado, Moreno, Villena, Sousman, Rivadero, Palavecino (Cruz), Polo Carrera, Rodriguez.

Group 1 standings	P	W	D	L	F	A	pts
River Plate (Argentina)	5	2	3	0	7	1	7
Independiente (Argentina)	5	3	1	1	6	2	7
Nacional (Ecuador)	5	1	1	3	4	7	3
Liga Dep. Universitaria (Ecuador)	5	1	1	3	1	8	3

Group 2

July 2

THE STRONGEST (Bolivia) (2) 2 (Latini, Meza)
ORIENTE PETROLERO (Bolivia) 0

The Strongest: Galarza, Angulo, Fontana, Noncha, Rionda, Potente, Paredes, Mora, Bastida, Latini, Caelas.
Oriente Petrolero: Escobar, Arias, Cristaldo, Calabro, Melgarejo, Acastello, Herbas, Romero, Suacedo, (Cano), Tonimbo (Franco), Aguilar.

July 6

SPORTING CRISTAL (Peru) (2) 2 (Mosquera, Carbonel pen.)
ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) (0) 2 (La Rosa 2)

Sporting Cristal: Quiroga, Soria (Mellan), Carbonell, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Gorriti, Quesada, Percy Rojas, Mosquera, Ramirez, Oblitas.
Alianza Lima: Gonzalez Ganoza, Duarte, Salguero, Alaga, R. Rojas, Velazquez, Cubillas, Cueto, Ravello, La Rosa, Sotil.

July 13

THE STRONGEST (Bolivia) (1) 3 (Canellas pen., Diaz o.g., Mezza)
SPORTING CRISTAL (Peru) (1) 1 (Oblitas)

The Strongest: Galarza, Irlondo, Concha, Pella, Fontana, Mezza, Angulo, Potente, Bastida, Latini, Canellas.
Sporting Cristal: Quiroga, Soria, Carbonel, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Gorriti, Quesada, Percy Rojas, Mosquera, Ramirez, Oblitas.

ORIENTE PERTROLERO (Bolivia) 0
ALINAZA LIMA (Peru) (3) 4 (Sotil, Cubillas 2, La Rosa)

Oriente Petrolero: Escobar, Campos, Cristaldo, Calabro (Espinoza), Melgarejo, Cano (Tonimbo), Acastello, Romero, Herbas, Franco, Aguilar.
Alianza Lima: Gonzalez Ganoza, Duarte, Salguero, Alaga, Castillo, Cueto, Velazquez, Cubillas, La Rosa (Gonzalez), Sotil, Ravello.

July 16

ORIENTE PETROLERO (Bolivia) 0
SPORTING CRISTAL (Peru) (0) 1 (Mosquera)

Oriente Petrolero: Escobar, Campos, Cristaldo, Espinoza, Arias, Herbas, Acastello, Romero, Tonimbo, Franco, Aguilar.
Sporting Cristal: Quiroga, Navarro, Carbonel, Chumpitaz, Diaz, Aparicio, Quesada, Uribe, Mosquera, Rojas, Oblitas.

July 17

THE STRONGEST (Bolivia) (0) 1 (Potente)
ALIANZA LIMA (Peru) (1) 2 (Cubillas, La Rosa)

The Strongest: Galarza, Irlondo, Fontana, Concha, Pena, Potente, Angulo, Mezza, Bastida, Latini (Casacio), Canellas (Paredes).
Alianza Lima: Gonzalez Ganoza, Duarte, Ganoza, Salguero, Cueto (C. Gonzalez), Rojas, Olaches, Cubillas, La Rosa, Sotil, Ravello.

Group 2 standings

Alianza Lima (Peru)	3	2	1	0	8	3	5
The Strongest (Bolivia)	3	2	0	1	6	3	4
Sporting Cristal (Peru)	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
Oriente Petrolero (Bolivia)	3	0	0	3	0	7	0

Group 4

July 8

DANUBIO (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Moreira)
PEÑAROL (Uruguay) (0) 2 (Unanue, Maneiro)

Peñarol: Fossati, Olivera, Peruena, Diogo, Sorvez, Unanue, Maneiro, Rodriguez (Doman), Cruz (Morales), Morena, Paz.
Danubio: Apolinario, Moreira, Pereira, Rivero, Noble, Ros (Martinez), Luther, Santin, Godoy (Garcia), Correa, Viera.

July 9

DEPORTIVO CALI (Colombia) 0
ATLETICO JUNIOR (Colombia) 0

July 18

DANUBIO (Uruguay) 0
ATLETICO JUNIOR (Colombia) 0

Danubio: Apolinario, Moreira, Pereira, Rivero, Noble, Alagaich, Luthar, Santin, Godoy, Correa, Viera.
At. Junior: Carrabs, Reyes, Bolano, Rubio, Miranda, Comesena, Berdugo, Sanelli, Caicedo, Vasquez, Pachoco.

PEÑAROL (Uruguay) 0
DEPORTIVO CALI (Colombia) (1) 2 (Benitez, Torres)

Peñarol: Fossati, Diogo, Olivera, Sorvez, Peruena, Doman, Unanue, Maneiro, Cruz, Morena, Paz.
Dep. Cali: Zape, Castro, Montufar, Ospina, Escobar, Landucci, Otero, Umaña, Torres, Scotia, Benitez.

July 23

DANUBIO (Uruguay) (1) 3 (Correa, Godoy 2)
DEPORTIVO CALI (Colombia) 0

Danubio: Apolinario, Pereyra, Noble (Martinez), Moreira, Rivero, Luthar, Godoy, Alagaich, Correa, Santin, Viera.
Dep. Cali: Zape, Ospina (Caicedo), Montufar, Muñoz, Otero, Landucci, Umaña, Torres, Moreno, Valverde, Benitez.

PEÑAROL (Uruguay) (0) 1 (Morena)
ATLETICO JUNIOR (Colombia) 0

Peñarol: Alvez, Olivera, Peruena, Gonzalez, Sorvez, Unanue, Capellan, Doman, Morena, Maneiro, Morales.
At. Junior: Carrabs, Miranda, Berdugo, Bolanos, Comesaña, Rubio, Vazquez, Caicedo, Sanelli, Reyes, Fiorillo.

Group 4 final standings

Deportivo Cali (Colombia)	6	3	2	1	5	3	8
Peñarol (Uruguay)	6	3	0	3	7	7	6
Atletico Junior (Colombia)	6	1	4	1	1	1	6
Danubio (Uruguay)	6	1	1	4	6	8	3

Deportivo Cali qualifies for semi final groups

More details next month

LEAGUE TABLES

ARGENTINA
Metropolitan First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pt
Boca Juniors	18	11	4	3	25	18	26
Newell's Old Boys	18	7	9	2	32	15	23
Quilmes	18	9	5	4	26	22	23
Racing	18	8	6	4	33	22	22
Gimnasia y Esgrima L Plat	18	7	8	3	18	15	22
River Plate	18	8	5	5	34	25	21
Colon Santa Fe	18	8	5	5	34	26	21
Union Santa Fe	18	7	5	6	26	23	19
Velez Sarsfield	18	5	9	4	16	15	19
Independiente	18	7	4	7	35	28	18
Argentinos Juniors	18	6	6	6	31	26	18
Rosario Central	18	4	10	4	14	11	18
Huracan	18	6	6	6	23	21	18
Atlanta	19	4	9	6	27	31	17
Banfield	19	3	10	6	24	33	16
Estudiantes de La Plata	18	5	5	8	23	19	15
San Lorenzo	18	5	5	8	17	25	15
Estudiantes de Bs. Aires	18	4	7	7	22	31	15
Platense	18	3	7	8	21	34	13
All Boys	18	3	6	9	11	25	12
Chacarita Juniors	18	2	5	11	11	36	9

PARAGUAY
First Division
(after 16 games)

1) Libertad, Sportivo Luqueño 20 pts; 3) Olimpia, Ceroo Porteño 19; 5) Sol de America 17; 6) Rubio nu 16; 7) River Plate 14; 8) Guarani 13; 9) Nacional 12; 10) Tembetary 10.

URUGUAY
First Division
(20 games — two to go)

1) Peñarol 36 pts; 2) Nacional 34; 3) Fenix 21; 4) Defensor 20; 5) Danubio 19; 6) Cerro, Wanderers 18; 8) Sud America 17; 9) Huracan Buceo, Rentistas 16; 11) Bella Vista 15; 12) Liverpool 10.

ECUADOR Championship

1) Nacional Quito 19 pts; 2) Deportivo Cuenca, Tecnico Universitario de Ambato 16; 4) Deportivo Quito, Emelec Guayaquil, Universidad de Portoviejo 15; 7) Barcelona de Guayaquil 14; 8) Universidad Catolica (Quito) 13; 9) Liga Deportiva Universitaria (Quito) 12; 10) Manta 11. (Nacional and L.D. Universitaria one game less).

CHILE
First Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	pt
Palestino	16	14	1	1	41	15	29
Cobreloa	17	12	1	4	36	17	25
O'Higgins	16	10	3	3	39	19	23
Colo Colo	17	9	4	4	36	26	22
Aviacion	17	8	4	5	32	28	20
Everton	15	7	4	4	31	21	18
Union Española	15	7	3	5	23	20	17
Universidad Catolica	17	6	5	6	28	18	17
Audax Italiano	16	5	6	5	22	19	16
Universidad de Chile	16	4	8	4	19	19	16
Lota Schwager	15	4	7	4	19	19	15
Nubiense	16	3	7	6	15	28	13
Green Cross	17	3	7	7	25	30	13
Concepcion	14	3	4	7	22	28	10
Huachipato	16	3	3	10	13	28	9
Santiago Morning	15	2	5	8	18	34	9
Coquimbo	16	3	3	10	16	26	9
Rangers	17	2	3	12	12	44	7

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